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Sunday to see 'biggest ever' Remembrance Parade in the town

THIS Sunday, Barry is anticipating its biggest-ever Remembrance Parade, writes Theresa Goodwin of the Royal British Legion, Barry.

The parade, hosted jointly by Barry Town Council and The Royal British Legion, meets on King Square at 10am for a 10.20am step off, halting briefly at the Merchant Navy Monument at the Civic Offices, and continuing to the Cenotaph at the Memorial Hall for a service and two-minute silence at 11am.

Carrying the Lamp of Remembrance in the parade will be Neil Murray, Scout Leader with 11th Barry, a group affiliated to the Royal British Legion and one of whose members, Sydney Copp, lost his life in the First World War.

Inside the Memorial Hall, the Lamp will be carried by Darren Galsworthy on behalf of

Thomas Evans. Denise Hawkins, who nominated Thomas for the honour, said: "I would like to nominate Thomas Evans, aged 95,

to carry a light. His father fought in World War One and was hit by a mine; Thomas fought in World War Two and met Winston Churchill

in Africa. I know it would make him and his family very proud to do this for the Fallen." **CONTINUED
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THE Mayor of the Vale, Cllr Leighton Rowlands, has praised the organisers of Barry Parkrun after hundreds of runners took part in a special run last Saturday.

Cllr Rowlands, the Mayor of Basildon Borough Council Cllr David Dadds, and Vale MP Alun Cairns joined hundreds of runners, including a sizable contingent from Billericay, for the inaugural 'Gavin and Stacey' Parkrun.

Cllr Rowlands said: "Initiatives such as Parkrun make exercise enjoyable and are so important to helping people live healthier lives. The Barry Island event in particular is a great example of the power of volunteering to improve local

communities.

"Huge credit must go to the organisers of the Barry Island and Billericay events for this weekend. It has not only brought even more people out for a run on a Saturday morning, it has once again brought the first class Barry Island resort to the attention of people all across the country.

"I'd also like to thank the council staff and Park Run UK who helped make the event possible."

Cllr Rowlands oversees the Mayor's Foundation Grant Fund offered to community groups, the voluntary sector and not for profit organisations within the Vale that help to support the Council's vision of 'strong communities with a bright future'.

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'Has fly-tipping increased?'

A **VERY** interesting letter appeared in last week's GEM: 'How to prove whose black bag is whose.'

I recently observed people putting the contents of their black bags into the kerbside litter bins.

I have seen black bags mysteriously appearing in numbers exceeding two on street corners and outside innocent homeowners' houses, then witnessed warning stickers placed on some of these bags.

At the waste bin in the picnic area of Five Mile Lane, I saw a man empty bag of glass jars or bottles into the bin and then drive off.

I saw a lady stop her car at a dog mess bin and proceed to take rubbish from her car which could easily have been put out for recycling.

The same dog mess bin recently overflowed with recyclable items, which became an immediate target for feathered scavengers.

Resident's plea for polite parking

I'D be grateful if local parents could ensure that they don't obstruct driveways or take up spaces needed by the residents of Carew Close, Barry when they pick up their children from the local school.

The mornings are not too bad but at 3pm there are lots of cars, some in front of people's drives. We have had occasions when our own visitors have not been able to park.

Name and address supplied.

'Fireworks triggered PTSD flashbacks'

TO the people who reside in Pencoedtre, Barry (though I doubt it was just people living near me):

Thank you very much for triggering my PTSD with your constant barrage of fireworks over the weekend.

I am now an absolute wreck.

What is wrong with just going to one of the excellent organised displays?

My dog is a mess as well.

Name and address supplied.

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Letters and e-mails MUST include your **FULL address and a contact telephone number.**

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A veteran's concern over NI investigations

IAM a Forces veteran living in the Vale, and I am saddened by the ongoing historical investigations into Armed Forces veterans.

This is a totally one-sided investigation against many elderly people who served their country in very difficult circumstances.

I was pleased to read the letter sent to the Prime Minister recently, by a number of decent and brave MPs, however I am disappointed that our MP Alun Cairns was not a signatory.

I have emailed him twice, yet have had no reply. I would like to include my letter here:

Dear Mr Cairns,
I am a Forces veteran, an Operation Banner veteran and also a Conservative party supporter for all of my adult life.

I am very concerned and upset about all of the historical investigations that are still being pursued by the government. This is totally one sided, the different paramilitary groups have gotten away scot-free, while our men are being pursued to their deaths. Your Government should hang your heads in shame.

I have a copy of a letter sent to the Prime Minister today by a number of brave and decent politicians, yet I do not see your name attached to this letter.

Your constituency has a long and proud history of Armed Forces involvement, indeed there are many Armed Forces veterans living in the Vale of Glamorgan. Could you please confirm to me that you are in support of this letter to Mrs May? And also that you will do all within your power to have these vexatious

investigations terminated.

Yours sincerely Tim Barber (ex Sgt).

Tim Barber, Barry. The GEM contacted Mr Cairns for comment. His staff forwarded the response Mr Cairns made to Mr Barber.

Dear Tim,

Thank you for taking the time to contact me. Please be aware my office receives around 500 emails a day therefore it does take time to process all correspondence. I aim to respond within 2-3 weeks which you should have been informed of in a bounceback email - I do apologise if you did not receive this.

As you may be aware, as Secretary of State it would not be appropriate for me to sign a letter to the Prime Minister as this would breach the Ministerial code. However, I completely understand your points and appreciate your strength of feeling on this matter - it is only due to the courageous efforts of our security forces that we have the relative peace and stability that Northern Ireland enjoys today.

To be clear, although there has been an increased amount of coverage about Operation Banner, it is important to say that this is not a new investigation. Police investigations are currently a matter for the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI), who act independently of Government. There is a department for prosecutions, a criminal process to go through and a police service that must be allowed to pursue its inquiries. As I am sure you will appreciate, I cannot therefore comment on any individual case.

That said, the reality is that for too many people the legacy of The Troubles continues to cast a dark shadow over the present.

There is a widespread view that the current system of investigations in Northern Ireland is not working for anyone, not for soldiers, not for police officers and not for victims (a group which includes many soldiers and police officers as well). I am concerned with the view you have already cited, that investigations focus disproportionately on former police officers and soldiers. This is clearly wrong and does not reflect the fact that the overwhelming majority of those who served did so with great bravery and distinction and compiled fully with the law.

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In an area as sensitive as this, it is of the utmost importance that we recognise and listen to all views, which is why everyone with an interest in addressing the legacy question was invited to have their say.

I want to offer my personal reassurance that the Government is deeply committed to doing all it can to show its support and admiration for veterans.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours,

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World Cup tribute to be paid to Barry cricket legend John



Paul (back row, second from right) was part of the Wales team which defeated Australia in the first over-50s one day international.



John Murphy (third from right) celebrating Barry Athletic Cricket Club's league win with teammates in 1978.

THE Wales versus England Over-50s World Cup' cricket match in Australia on November 28 is dedicated to a Barry cricketer legend, the late John Murphy, writes TIM CHAPMAN.

John's son Paul (54) is in the Welsh Over-50s squad and keen to honour his father's life and love of the game.

Paul explained: "My father won the Welsh Cup with Barry Athletic Cricket Club in 1985 when they beat Gowerton Cricket Club in the final at St Helen's in Swansea.

"He also represented the Welsh senior amateur team and played against John Snow's old England and dismissed the legendary Basil D'Oliveira.

"He wanted to travel to Sydney, which is being staged from mid-November to early December.

Eight teams are taking part: Wales, England, Australia, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Canada, New Zealand and Pakistan.

Paul is part sponsoring the Wales v England clash in Sydney and will unfurl a banner paying tribute to John.

"It will be a little bit emotional. It's an honour to pay tribute to him and I hope to perform as he would like. His approach was 'no matter how you feel, do the best you can'."

Paul, like John, bowls leg spin and played for Glamorgan Colts, Wales age group teams and Barry Athletic Cricket Club. He now turns out for Usk.

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Barry man (24) sentenced for cannabis offences

POLICE in Barry arrested a 24-year-old man after smelling cannabis after he was seen leaving a property in the town, Cardiff Crown Court heard, writes AJ SICLUNA.

Jordan Ross, a father of three, of Shelley Crescent, admitted possessing cannabis with intent to supply and supplying the drug.

Recorder Nicholas Gareth Jones jailed him for 10 months, suspended for two years, and

directed him to take part in a 15-day rehabilitation programme.

Prosecutor Julia Cox said that on March 19, Probation officer the police smelled Robert Newton told the court that Ross had property. He had £493 on him and on searching him no previous convictions involving cannabis worth £270, electronic scales and a mobile phone which contained various messages relating to the supply of cannabis.

Ross confirmed he had been supplying for about six months but only to friends.

His solicitor, Neil Evans, said that at one stage, his client had been pressured into dealing drugs and has since taken steps to address his own addiction.

The court ordered that the cash, drugs and mobile phone be forfeited. He was directed to pay a court surcharge of £150.

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Ramblers' visit to Barry Sidings (in the Rhondda)

RACHEL from Penarth and District Ramblers played host to a group of 16 walkers and Pepper the spaniel on an undulating walk in the Pontypridd area, beginning from Treforest railway station in glorious autumnal sunshine.

Reaching Trehabod they followed the Rhondda River through the delightful Barry Sidings Country Park before a steep climb led them to the Eagle's Rock for lunch using surrounding rocks for seating.

Following a tree-lined escarpment and descending to Trallwn, they crossed the River Taff and made their way into Pontypridd to view its famous bridge, before heading beneath the A470 and making their way to Pontypridd Common and the obelisk memorial to the 5th battalion the Welch Regiment.

The Rocking Stone, the cottage hospital and Dr William Price's round houses came next before a jaunt along part of the Taff Trail led them past Glyntaff cemetery.

Re-crossing the Taff to view the site of the Crawshay tin rolling works and Long Row, built by Richard Crawshay to house his workers, a short trek led them back to the station after what had been an enjoyable day.

The following day, another gorgeous sunny morning heralded a walk at Miskin where Geraint and his 12 companions set off past the cricket club and along the estate road leading to Miskin Manor with its avenue of beautiful horse chestnut trees.

This finally became a public footpath in 2015 following representation from the local community and ramblers groups after the route became blocked and the majestic Miskin Manor once owned by the Williams family is now a thriving hotel.

Heading over the A4119 into fields containing curious cattle and making their way to Groesfaen, pavements

brought them through the village which grew from a tiny hamlet back in the 1850's when the Bute Mwyndy iron works opened.

Passing through more fields with friendly horses to view an old lime kiln that stood beside the Brosfiscin link of the Ely Valley Railway, upon reaching the outskirts of Talbot Green they headed southwest and followed the River Clun for around a mile to its confluence with the River Ely and enjoyed lunch in lovely sunshine beside the river.

Heading under a dual carriageway to Ynysddu, then Pontyclun railway station, an industrial estate and narrow track led them through a built up area to cross the old Ely Valley Railway line that linked Llantrisant with Cowbridge.

Their return led them beside the meandering River Ely which they finally crossed for the sixth and final time, before joining a road past the 400-year old water-driven Miskin Mill now used by the Scouts and back into Miskin.

On November 10, a train ride followed by a nine-mile easy linear walk from Merthyr to Abercynon. Trains leave Barry at 9am, Penarth at 8.47am to catch the 9.26am train from Cardiff Central arriving 10.33am at Merthyr (please purchase a return to Abercynon); contact Sheila on 07932 523 415.

On November 11, meet 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 12.5-mile mid/hard walk taking in Fan Frynach and the standing stone on Maen Llia; contact John R on 07484 844 533.

On November 14, meet 9am at Cogan for an 11-mile moderate circular walk from Ross-on-Wye to Kerne Bridge; contact William on 07528 701 952.

For up to date information log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or access Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

Joy Strangward

Appeal after burglary

SOUTH Wales Police are appealing for information after a burglary at a property in Little Brynhill Lane, Barry.

The burglary took place some time between 7.25pm and 7.40pm on Friday, October 26.

Considerable damage was done to a building which was being renovated and included broken windows, damage to the rear and front door, as well as

paint and plaster powder being thrown around the property.

Detectives are appealing for anyone who may have seen anyone acting suspiciously in the area to get in contact. The suspect may have been covered in paint or white powder.

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RNLI chief thanks local volunteers



The chief executive of the RNLI, Vice Admiral Paul Boissier (right), recently visited Barry Visitors Centre and Barry Dock Lifeboat station to meet crew, fundraisers and volunteers. He presented Barbara and Trevor Pearson, Caroline Cunningham and Lesley Puncer with awards for their support of the new volunteer centre. Avril and Bill Kitchen, and Dennis Bailey were presented with awards for excellence in volunteering.

Remembering the Glamorgan Yeomanry



THE phrase 'spritely' fails to do justice to Llandow man Tudor Phillips, late of 104 Regiment Royal Artillery.

Mr Phillips telephoned The GEM with the often-used words "I may have a story for you", and he was – and one hopes the Nine-Mile Snipers will approve of the pun – bang on target.

Along the A48 a couple of miles outside Cowbridge is the Bryn Owain pub, which is the landmark.

More visible, but only just, when heading west through the trees is an obelisk almost 40-foot high: it is a blink-and-you'll-miss-it site.

We arranged to meet in the pub's car park, drove – a 4X4 is best – a quarter of a mile or so up what is reputedly a Roman road and parked, donned Wellingtons and traipsed across the common to the obelisk, which is a memorial to the Glamorgan Yeomanry.

In 1793, the prime minister, William Pitt the Younger, proposed that the English Counties form a force of volunteer yeoman cavalry, equivalent to the Territorials formed in 1907, and the Reserves of today.

The Glamorgan Yeomanry, like so many other regiments, was raised to deal with our friends across *la manche* before the *entente* was so *cordiale* and before (twice now) we helped remove forces that had invaded France.

The memorial, erected and dedicated in 1922, bears the inscription: "TO THE IMMORTAL MEMORY OF THOSE OFFICERS, N.C.O.S & MEN OF THE GLAMORGAN YEOMANRY WHO FELL IN

THE GREAT WAR BATTLE HONOURS EGYPT 1916 - 1917 GAZA JERUSALEM JERICHO TELL ASUR 1917 - 1918 PURSUIT TO MONS FRANCE AND FLANDERS SOMME AND BAPAUME 1918"

Some 22 of the regiment fell, including six officers, during The Great War.

Some of the fallen rest in Wales, some even in graveyards in Cornelly, Nottage, and Coity.

Others lie where they died, in France, Belgium, Cairo, in Jerusalem.

One of those at rest in Jerusalem is Major Richard Maunsell Prichard, whose parents lived in Bridgend, and there is a plaque inside St Iltyd's Church in Newcastle in Bridgend.

The Glamorgan Yeomanry has gone through many incarnations, becoming an artillery regiment in 1922, and gaining further battle honours during World War Two including Monte Cassino, Operation Market Garden, and Operation Overlord, the D-Day invasion of France.

After the restructuring of the Territorial Army in 1967, the Glamorgan Yeomanry lineage was perpetuated by C (Glamorgan Yeomanry) Troop, 211 (South Wales) Battery, 104th Regiment Royal Artillery. GEM readers may remember a piece to coincide with Reserves' Day about Gunner Natalie O'Shea of Pencoed and of 104 Regiment.

Chatting to Mr Phillips by the monument – which to a layman appears to be in good condition – on a crisp Autumnal day,

there are number of things he would like to see happen to the site, including making it more visible.

Many trees have, quite naturally, grown in the past 96 years.

Mr Phillips – who is 87 and shares his birthday with the Prince of Wales – said: "It's a grand monument to a local regiment with centuries of history and many connections around Bridgend, the Vale and further afield.

"To see it remain accessible, and maintained and visible would be a further tribute to the sacrifices made by the Glamorgan Yeomanry."

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	Bydd gwryriadau ar gyfer traffig tua'r de-ddwyrain ar waith drwy Arcot Street, fydd Plassey Street a Heol Albert, tra bod gwryriadau ar gyfer Gogledd-orllewin Lloegr yn rhwym traffig ar hyd ffodd Stanwell a ffodd Hickman.	

Bydd gwryriadau lleol iofnodi ar waith
 Dyddiedig 8 Tachwedd 2018
 Cyfarwyddwr Amgylchedd a Thai
 Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,
 Yr Alpau, Gwenfô CF5 6AA



Pedestrian Access will be maintained
 Dated this 8th day of November 2018
 Director of Environment & Housing
 Vale of Glamorgan Council
 The Alps Wenvee CF5 6AA

Gamer takes to the track

A BARRY man with a life-long passion for motorsport realised his sporting dream when he took part in the MX5 Super Series at Donington Park circuit, driving in three races.

David O'Reilly's love of motorsport began in Australia: "At the age of 12 I was supporting my uncle in sports car races at Sydney's Warwick Farm circuit. Since then I've done a few track days, club sprint events and an endurance karting event.

"But in the last 10 years I have been racing solely on my PC, then the opportunity arose to explore my childhood 'dream and go racing for real.'

He decided to take part in the MX5 Super Series because he had "...always liked the cars" and even worked locally for a Mazda dealer once.

Mr O'Reilly took part in a testing session at Llandow Circuit before heading for Donington. His car had a local flavour, sporting 'Barrybados' decals.

He said: "The whole weekend was about learning about the car and experiencing a proper race weekend with its procedures and protocols.

"My goals were modest. I expected to be slowest in qualifying. I hoped to

stay out of everybody's way in race one. In race two and three I wanted to be in a battle for a position with someone and maybe avoid being lapped."

He kept it safe in qualifying and out-qualified two other competitors.

"I enjoyed race one and had a duel to avoid the wooden spoon in which I prevailed and beat the other driver and came 20th. I was lapped by the podium with four laps to go and lapped by 10 of the 22 drivers."

In the second race he got faster. He was not lapped and managed to lap another car, again finishing 20th out of 21.

"I was scouring my mirrors for the race leaders and they didn't appear," he said.

The final race was in testing conditions.

"Race three was visually amazing. It was twilight and we all had to use our rear facing rain lights as it was getting dark. We were treated to a rainbow light show." He ended the third race locally the 17th out of 18 entrants.

Mr O'Reilly returned to Barry encouraged by what he had learned and plans to return for the full national series in 2019 with the aim of hitting positions in the top 10.

TC



David O'Reilly from Barry competed in the 'MX5 Super Series' at Donington Park.

Trust's Christmas fair

IT'S that time of year again, the season of goodwill, when we think of others and their needs.

Penarth and District Lesotho Trust (PADLT) continues to support schools and an orphanage out in Lesotho, in southern Africa and this year they have been able to build and equip a kitchen in TY Junior Academy and provide a water tank to supply fresh water to St

Cecilia's Orphanage.

They invite you to come and enjoy all the fun of the Christmas Fair at Stanwell Road Baptist Church hall, Penarth on Saturday, November 17 from 10am till 1pm and support this important work.

With activities for children, handmade gifts and cards, tree and table decorations and a cake stall, what nicer way to spend a Saturday morning - see you there!

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDER PENARTH PARADE AND ILLUMINATIONS SUNDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have made an order under Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:-

WHEREAS during certain hours of the day and date specified in column 1 of the schedule hereto the streets or part thereof listed in column 2 of the said schedule will be used for the holding of a relevant event as described in Section 16(A)(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 do HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT in order to facilitate the holding of the event, enable members of the public to watch the said event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulation shall be observed:-

THAT, except as provided by the order, the said streets or parts thereof shall be closed to all vehicular traffic including pedal cycles, with the exception of Emergency Services and accredited Event vehicles between the hours specified in column 3 of the said schedule. The penalty for infringement of the said regulation is a fine not exceeding £1000.00

SCHEDULE

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Sunday 18th November 2018	Glebe Street, Penarth between Ludlow Street and Windsor Road Diversions shall be via Ludlow Lane and Albert Road. In addition the "one way" order on Arcot Lane known as The Vale of Glamorgan Council Penarth Town Centre (Consolidation and Amendments) Order 2009, in so far as it relates to the one way restriction on Arcot Lane, will be suspended for the duration of this order.	8.00am and 10.00pm
	A4160 Windsor Road , between Arcot Street and Albert Road Diversions for southeast bound traffic shall be in place via Arcot Street, Plassey Street and Albert Road, while diversions for northwest bound traffic shall be along Stanwell Road and Hickman Road.	8.00am and 10.00pm

HIGH Street traders would not traders were up in potentially lose customers over Christmas.

Following his intervention, Mr Cairns was delighted that Wales & West confirmed that they will not interfere at all with the Christmas Market and will only be working on the High Street for around a week at the end of November. This work is not expected to cause a road closure.

Mr Cairns said: "This is welcome news that the gas works will not be as damaging to traders as first feared. Wales & West were very sympathetic to what the traders were saying and do not want to spoil the Christmas market. This is great news as the Market and the turning on of the Christmas lights is a fantastic community event which takes place on Friday, November 16.

Following this, Vale MP Alun Cairns made direct contact with Wales & West to find a solution to ensure that the Christmas Market was not affected and that

Charity cake sale for Barnardo's

THE Barry Barnardo's fundraising committee held a coffee morning, bric-a-brac and homemade cake sale at All Saints' church hall, Barry on October 27.

A total of £315 was raised to help fund Barnardo's projects in Wales. The committee would like to thank all those who came along to support the event.

JM

Flatholm Society talk

THE Flatholm Society is hosting a talk by Bruce McDonald on the work of the Wenvee Wildlife group, at The Kymn, Beach Road, Penarth on Thursday, November 15 at 7 pm. The wildlife group are volunteers who look after a local woodland and four orchards.

We ask for a donation of £2 to cover costs; we supply refreshments and there will be a raffle. For further information contact Peter Sampson on 01446404842 or email pb.sampson@ntlworld.com.

Remembering Barry's war dead from November 1918

PRIVATE Arthur James Griffiths of the 2nd (Garrison) Battalion, the Royal Welsh Fusiliers died of pneumonia in the 21st General Hospital on November 4, 1918 aged 32.

He was buried in the Alexandria (Hadra) War Memorial Cemetery. He was born in Barry, and lived at 18 Lower Pike Street, Barry Docks until his marriage to Elizabeth M Winstone. On enlistment his occupation was given as grocer.

Lance Corporal Christopher Palin Kilby of the 1st/16th Battalion, London Regiment (Queen's Westminster Rifles) was killed in action on November 4. He is buried in Sebourg Communal Cemetery, France aged 25. He was born in Barry and was the husband of Ethel Kilby of 29 Canon Street, Barry. He worked as a railway clerk.

Sapper John William Saunders of the 409th Field Company, Royal Engineers was killed in action on November 4 and is buried in Le Rejet-de-Beaulieu Communal Cemetery, France. He was born and lived in Cadoxton prior to the war. He is said to be the last Barry man killed in action.

Private Douglas James Cawthorne of 'A' Company, 19th Battalion, the Welsh Regiment died of pneumonia at No 1 South African General Hospital on November 5, aged 27. He was buried in Abbeville Communal Cemetery, France and was the son of James Lee and Sarah Jane Cawthorne of Cadoxton.

Sapper Henry George Day of the Inland Water Transport, the Royal Engineers died at sea on November 5 and is commemorated on the Basra Memorial. Sadly, there appears to be no record of his age or next of kin.

Private Thomas Thorne of the 1st Battalion, the Welsh Guards was killed in

action on Wednesday, November 6. He is buried in Mauberge-Centre Cemetery, France aged 21. He was born in Barry the son of Annie and James Thorne of 32 Hewell Street, Cogan, Penarth. Prior to the war he had worked as an errand boy. He is commemorated on the Penarth War Memorial.

Private George Thurston Harris of the 1/8th Battalion, the Manchester Regiment (formerly serving in the Royal Army Service Corps) was killed in action on November 6. He is buried in Hargnies Cemetery, France. Born and lived in Barry, son of Mrs Blanche Harris.

Private Cyril David Williams of the 9th Battalion, The Royal Welsh Fusiliers was killed in action on November 7. He has no known grave and thus is commemorated on the Vis-En-Artois Cemetery to the missing, the son of Mrs Ann Williams.

Lance Corporal Albert Chapman MM of the 9th Battalion, the Welsh Regiment died of his wounds on November 8 and is buried in Etap Communal Cemetery, France aged 27. He was born in Barry, the husband of Sarah M James (formerly Chapman), 84 Coburn St, Cathays, Cardiff. He had served in France since July 25, 1915 and had been awarded the Military Medal.

Private Charles Leat of the 635 HSE Coy Labour Corps (previously Devonshire Regiment) died in the Fargo Military Hospital, Wiltshire, on November 11 and is buried in Tiverton Cemetery aged 32. He was the son of Sidney Baker Leat and Annie Leat of Chapel Street, Tiverton.

Sergeant John Edward Wall of the 2nd Advance Workshop, Tank Corps died on November 15. He is buried in Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery aged 29.

He was the son of John and Mary Wall of Cardiff, husband of Elizabeth Wall of 33

Coedcae Street, Cardiff.

Private Fred Davies of the 2nd Battalion, the Lancashire Fusiliers died of sickness on November 18, he is buried in Mont Huon Military Cemetery, Le Treport. Prior to the war he lived in Barry.

Private George Whittaker of the 16th Battalion, the South Lancashire Regiment, died of pneumonia at Liverpool on November 9 and is buried in Plot 1297 in Barry (Merthyr Dyfan) Cemetery aged 20, the son of John and Ellen Nora Whittaker, 25 Charlotte Place, Cadoxton.

Private David Lewis Jones, Army Service Corps died of pneumonia on November 5 at home aged 26, he is buried in Plot H352, Barry (Merthyr Dyfan) Cemetery, the son of David Lewis Jones and Elizabeth Ann Jones, 19 Churchill Terrace, Cadoxton.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning*

We will remember them.

Can we help you? Do you have a family member who served in the Forces – Royal Navy, Army or Royal Air Force?

Whether he or she died or survived, we may be able to help you find out more about them. Drop into the Barry War Museum and speak to one of our volunteers (we are open Wednesdays 2pm to 4pm). Please bring any information you already have – photos, letters or other items such as medals, documents etc.

**GLENN BOOKER
BARRY WAR MUSEUM**

Albert Primary pupils take over Bro Radio



ON October 24, pupils from Albert Primary school visited the YMCA Centre in Barry to record a radio programme on Bro Radio.

The purpose of the broadcast was to take over the airwaves to promote and tell everyone about our school.

When we arrived at the YMCA, we were met by Gareth and Matt who took us up to the recording studio. We were shown around the studio and we began to record our links for the

radio show; however, all the children said that it was embarrassing to hear their own voice.

We also had to choose different songs that we would use in the show. We had already asked children and staff for certain songs that truly reflected our school.

The show was aired on Halloween evening and it was incredible to hear ourselves on the radio.

It was a really great experience and we would like to thank everyone at Bro Radio and Mack Events for this opportunity.

Written by Joe Daniels (11) and Lily Roach (10).

Craft fair at All Saints'

ON Saturday, November 10 at All Saints' Church, Barry there will be a craft fair.

Commencing at 10.30am – 3pm the entrance fee will be £1 to include a cup of tea/coffee. With over 18 stalls of various crafts and home produce this will be an opportunity to pick up those special Christmas gifts! Hot dogs and bacon butties on sale in addition to the usual cake stall and raffles. All proceeds to the Roof Restoration Project.

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Valeplus receives a donation



Jane Musson, trustee of ValePlus, receiving a cheque from Jarlath Garvey.

VALEPLUS, based in High Street, Barry, a charity which provides opportunities for adults with learning difficulties has recently received a cheque for £477.44 from a charity quiz held at the Seashore Grill in Sully, organised by Pam and Jarlath Garvey.

JANE MUSSON

GORCHYMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (B4265 FFFORDD OSGOI LLANILLTUD FAWR, LLANILLTUD FAWR) (CYFYNGIAD CYFLYMDER 30MYA) (DROS DRO) (RHIF 2) 2018

Mae Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adran 14(1) Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Flyrdd 1984 (fel y'i diwygiwyd) a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill yn cynnig, mewn dim llai na 7 diwrnod o ddyddiad yr Hysbysiad hwn, wneud Gorchymyn a fydd yn gweud yr hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr atodienni isod:

ATODLEN 1

Ni fydd unrhyw berson yn achosu neu'n caniatáu i gerbyd modur deithio'n gyflymach ná 30 miliwr yr awr rhwng y lleoliadau a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod:

ATODLEN 2

Lleoliad: Y rhan o'r B4265 Ffordd Osgoi Llanilltud Fawr o'r gyffordd â Goleuadu Traffig Eglwys Brewis / Trebefered i Oleuadu Traffig Ffordd Llanilltud (Sain Tathan fynedfa).

Rheswm: Mae'r cyfyngiad yn cael ei weithredu i alluogi gwaith ar gyffordd newydd.

Hyd: O 06.00 ar 19 Techwedd 2018 am hyd yn 18 mis neu nes y caiff yr arwyddion eu symud, pa un bynnag yw'r cynharaf.

Dyddiedig 8 Techwedd 2018
Cyfarwyddwr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,
Yr Alpau, Quarry Road, Gwenfô, CF5 6AA.



CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG GORCHYMYN (GWAHARDD A CHYFYNGU AR FANNAU AROS A LLWYTHO A PHARCIO) (GORFODI SIFIL) (DIWYGIAD) (RHIF 6) 2018

1. Hysbysir drwy hyn fod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Ddeddf Rheoleiddio Traffig 1984 a Rhân 6 Ddeddf Rheoli Traffig 2004 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill, yn cynnig gweud Gorchymyn a'i effaith fydd diwygio'r mannau parcio yn y lleoliadau a nodir yn yr Atodlen isod.

2. Mae modd gweld manylion llawn y cynigion hyn yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau gwaith arferol a rhaid cyflwyno unrhyw wrthwnebiadau a allai fod gennych i'r cynnig hwn i Gyarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai (Cwf. IF871/872) yn ysgrifenedig erbyn 30 Tachwedd 2018 a rhaid cynnwys eich rhesymau dros wrthwnebu.

3. Rhoddir gwylod i unrhyw y sylw gwthwnebu'r Gorchymyn arfaethedig, yr sgil Deddf Llywodraethol (Mynediad at Wybodaeth) 1985, fod rhwymedigaeth gyfreithiol yr a Cyngor hwn i alluogi'r cyhoedd i archwilio unrhyw sylwadau sy'n dod i law am y Gorchymyn a gynigir.

Diwygir y Gorchymyn Rheoleiddio Traffig canlynol fel a ganlyn:

Gorchymyn Gwahardd a Chyfyngu ar Fannau Aros a Llwytho a Pharcio (Gorfodi Sifil) 2013

ATODLEN

Cynnig Dim Aros ar Unrhwy Adeg.

Quarry Road, Gwenfô – Map AC53

Ar ochr y de-ddwyrain o bwnt 15 metr i'r de-orllewin o ffordd fynedid

Depo'r Alps

am 103 metr tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain.

Mynediad Swyddfa, Depo'r Alps, Gwenfô – Map AC53

Ar ddwy ochr y ffordd o'r gyffordd â Quarry Road tua'r de-ddwyrain am 18.5 metr

Mynediad Depo, Depo'r Alps, Gwenfô – Map AC53

Ar ddwy ochr y ffordd o'r gyffordd â Quarry Road tua'r de-ddwyrain am 15 metr

Middlegate Court Y Bont-faen – Map AA28

Ar ochr y gogledd-orllewin o bwnt 98 metr i'r gogledd-ddwyrain o'r gyffordd â North Road am 5.5 metr i'r gogledd-ddwyrain gan gydgyffwrdd a'r un presennol

Ar ochr y de-ddwyrain o bwnt 62 metr i'r gogledd-ddwyrain o'r gyffordd a'r Fynedfa i faes

parcio Sgwâr Neuadd y Dref am bellter o 25.5 metr tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain

Dyddiedig 8 Tachwedd 2018

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Group campaigns for a 20-mph maximum speed limit

RESIDENTS of Penarth, Sully and the rural Vale have come together to form 20's Plenty for the Vale.

The group includes representatives from the community councils of Peterston-super-Ely and Welsh St Donats. 20's Plenty for the Vale will support the work of a growing number of campaign groups and its aim is to see the Vale Council establish a 20 mph speed limit policy for its urban and residential roads.

The formation of the Vale group followed the 20's Plenty

for Wales conference in early October, which attracted delegates from Welsh Government, Police, the NHS and many of Wales' local authorities.

The group quotes uncited research studies that suggest that there is what a spokesperson for the group described as "... clear and consistent majority support for 20 mph limits across the UK".

David Field, community councillor and coordinator of 20's Plenty for Peterston-super-Ely, said: "We launched our village campaign for 20 mph at

the beginning of the year and it quickly became clear that we are just one of a number of areas pushing for a 20 mph limit with the Vale Council.

"Combining the experience and efforts of Penarth, Peterston, Sully and Welsh St Donats strengthens our respective campaigns. We are jointly pursuing a meeting with the elected leadership of Vale Council, as ultimately the decision on 20 mph policy rests with them."

Campaigns in the Vale are receiving political supporters including AM David Melding.

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Llantwit Major remembers...



LLANTWIT Major Town Council is pleased to announce that the commemorative wall hanging is complete.

At the beginning of the year residents of Llantwit Major were invited to buy fabric squares to knit/sew/paint a poppy on. Some 350 squares were given out, with 272 being returned. A group of seven volunteers met regularly at the Llantwit Hall to sew the squares together.

The finished article will be on display on Sunday, November 11 on the side of the Town Hall facing the Cenotaph. It will then be placed upstairs in the Town Hall for anyone wishing to view it (please call in to Town Council office).

A big thank you to the volunteers who gave up many hours to ensure the wall hanging was finished in time, Foyes Fabric and Travis Perkins for supplying fabric and materials towards the project.

Additionally, please remember to come and join us in commemorating 100 years since the end of World War 1, with the following events.

Friday to Sunday, November 9, 10 and 11:

an exhibition of war memorabilia will be on

display in St Illtud's Church, between 10am and 6pm. Also on

display will be work from local schools, including poems and artwork. Please come along and visit the exhibition, it is free of charge with tea and coffee being provided.

Saturday, November 10: the Vale Half

Marathon takes place with the first runner due out at 9am from

Llantwit Major Youth Centre. There will be approximately 150

runners so why not come and show your support to these individuals taking on a very challenging multi-terrain course. The

finish line will be under the rugby posts on the recreation field from approximately 10.45am onwards. Places still available.

Sunday, November 11: at 6am a lone piper will be playing *Battle's O'er*, a traditional Scottish air played after battle in front of the war memorial.

At 9.30am St Illtud's

Church bells will ring at half muffle for

traditional service.

At 10.15am those

taking part in

Remembrance Sunday Parade to gather at

rugby club car park.

At 10.50am start of

the Remembrance

Sunday service at the Cenotaph.

At 11.30am

refreshments available

in Town Hall, from

Llantwit Major Events Group.

At 12.30pm St

Illtud's Church bells

will be ringing for

Ringing Remembers.

At 2pm children's

World War 1

commemorative event in

Llantwit Major Events Group.

At 7pm a beacon will

be lit in the Old Swan

garden, in a tribute

called Beacons of Light,

signifying the 'light of

peace that emerged from

the darkness of four

years of war'.

At 7.05pm St Illtud's

Church bells will ring as

part of the Ringing Out

for Peace, organised in

association with the

Central Council of

Church Bell Ringers.

Llantwit Major Town

Council would like to

thank all those

individuals who have

worked and volunteered

to ensure this tribute to

those people who lost

their lives and returned

home wounded from the

Great War.

Many of the events

are part of an

international

commemoration event

called Battle's Over.

If you would like

more information on

any of the events or

have any memorabilia

please contact the Town

Council office on 01446

793707 or

lm.tc@btconnect.com.

'Remembering those who gave so much'

AS we look towards the centenary of the end of the First World War, I've been involved with a number of remembrance events to remember those who gave so much.

I organised for 100 children to lay 100 wreaths at Barry Memorial Hall, with children from all over the Vale taking part.

I've also organised for 'Thank You' message boards to be erected at Barry Library, so that everyone can share their thoughts and messages of thanks.

I was moved by the 100 wreaths memorial and the messages that some of our primary school children wrote.

I wanted to ensure that future generations understand the sacrifices made by the World War One generation; so in addition to the wreath laying, they also received a presentation from veterans at the Royal British Legion.

It was fantastic to see how engaged they were and I was genuinely touched to see the poignant messages that they left. One particularly beautiful message read, 'We don't



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know all but we owe them all'.

I'm very grateful to the eight schools that participated – thank you to Cadoxton, Palmerston, Romilly, High Street, Gladstone, Jenner Park, St Athan and Ysgol Y Ddraig primary schools for coming.

The children were really engaged and I thank the teachers who helped to get them involved and did a

fantastic job of making sure that everything ran smoothly.

Thanks also to the parents who have encouraged young people across the Vale to learn about the tragedy of war and the sacrifices made, which includes leaving messages on the Thank You boards at the library.

It's been a privilege to, yet again, work with the Barry branch of the Royal British Legion on organising the 100 wreaths events and the Thank You boards.

Jimmy, Theresa and the rest of the team do fantastic work and I am delighted that the wreath ceremony raised almost £3,000 for the Royal British Legion.

Thanks also to all of the companies who donated, it's really appreciated. A special thanks to Aston Martin who donated £1,000, Sisteserv who donated £500 and RWE Aberthaw Power Station who donated £200.

With Remembrance Sunday approaching, I ask that everyone do all that they can to support the excellent work of the Royal British Legion as they continue to support our Armed Forces and veterans.

Woman and car sought by police



The image released by the police.

POLICE officers would like to speak to a woman in connection with the theft of diesel from Action Service Station, Dinas Powys, on September 14.

Officers are appealing for anyone who may have seen a black BMW 1 series or a grey Audi with the index 3610FVY to get in contact.

Anyone with any information can call the police on 101 quoting reference 1800352019 or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

GET YOUR JINGLE ON

'GET Your Jingle On' at Celtic Way Community Hall on Saturday, December 8 from 1.45pm to 4.30 pm and enjoy a afternoon of what has been described as 'festive fun'.

Enjoy mulled wine or a festive soft drink, then browse the Christmas stalls offering homemade jams and chutneys, Christmas crafts, a tombola and raffle.

Rhose florist Janet Green will share lots of tips and inspiration, as she demonstrates how to make the most amazing Christmas door wreath, which one lucky raffle winner will take home.

There will be tea and coffee, and a selection of Christmas bakes and to round off the afternoon, the Vale of Glamorgan Brass Band will play singalong Christmas carols. Admission by ticket only, on sale now at Rhose Library.

A Barry bike club receives reward

MEMBERS of Barry Bike Club at Ty Iolo in the town were rewarded for their hard work at the club's final session of the year.

On October 23, Vale Cllr Leighton Rowlands was joined by Vale Council staff Miles Punter and Mike Ingram to mark the evening.

Barry Bike Club was first introduced at Ty Iolo play area, through the Vale's Communities First programme.

The club aims to reduce so-called 'health inequities' through promoting physical activity.

Children learned how to cycle safely in an off-road environment, how to balance through scooting, how to safely start and stop and practice turns using cones.

The Bike Club was revamped in April this year, and the sessions have attracted more than 89 children to Ty Iolo's play area.

This success has led to a new

partnership between Vale Homes (Community Investment team), Newydd and the Vale of Glamorgan Sports and Play Development, with Pedal Power, a local charity bike organisation based in Cardiff.

A new bike club will launch in St Athan next year, and Barry Bike Club will re-start in April 2019.

Cllr Rowlands said: "It was fantastic to see so many children take part and the club is going strength to strength, and I even decided to have a go on a bike myself to join in with them."

Mark Ellis of the Vale Council said "Having been involved in this project in a previous role, I was delighted to see the Bike Club return.

"I am really excited for Pedal Power to be involved in setting up a new Bike Club in St Athan along with the fantastic Barry Bike Club restarting in the spring of 2019."

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Regional AM wants school to stay open

SOUTH Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has urged the Vale Council to look again at plans to close Llancarfan Primary School, following changes to Welsh Government guidance that come into force today.

An updated version of the School Organisation Code applies from November 1, which includes a presumption against closure of rural schools. Crucially, Llancarfan is classified as such under the revised code.

The Vale Council cabinet last month took the decision to close the popular school despite widespread opposition from parents, pupils and local residents.

Mr Davies said: "As soon as the proposals to close Llancarfan School were first announced I joined local people in campaigning against the plans.

"The revised code makes clear that rural schools like Llancarfan should remain open – and this comes into force today.

"In light of these changes, these plans should be looked at again and the school should remain open."



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Jeff Robinson and teammates.
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The Invictus Games: a personal view from silver medal winner Jeff Robinson

AFTER a well-deserved break to recuperate from the rigours of a flight back from Oz, Llantwit Major's Jeff Robinson – a former RAF flight sergeant and two-time Invictus Games competitor – has had time to speak to The GEM after his team's hard-fought silver in wheelchair rugby.

'Inspiring' is an over-used word, but now and again, it fits.

This is one of those occasions.

Here, speaking exclusively to The GEM, Jeff gives an insight into his life, his motivation, and what the Invictus Games means to him.

THE Invictus Games have proved to be a major step in my recovery from life changing injuries.

During my 23 years' service, I had both knees rebuilt, smashed up my left shoulder and compressed my spine which required fusion surgery and left me in constant pain. I then had a motorcycle accident where I broke my neck and back, leaving me paralysed from the chest down.

Sport had always been a massive part of my life. I was RAF boxing champion, going on to box for Wales, represented the Combined Services in Athletics, and played rugby and football at RAF Station level.

Initially, I found life outside the Forces okay. I had spent my last 12 years' service working with the Army and eight of those were away on operational duties.

I was physically and mentally burnt out, and had missed the majority of my youngest son growing up.

Gradually though, I missed the camaraderie of the Forces and went

into the private security sector, where I worked with a lot of ex-Forces personnel.

My motorcycle accident changed all that and I became very reclusive, until wheelchair rugby and the opportunity to trial for the 2017 Invictus Games came about. It gave me the opportunity to represent my country again, alongside real warriors who were fighting their own battles, both physically and mentally.

Many of whom are young men and women whose lives have been changed dramatically, but refuse to be conquered. The whole journey has been inspirational and given me the self-belief to return to work, to such an extent where I am now a director of a security consultancy company.

As for training for wheelchair rugby at the Games, I am fortunate enough to train and play for the Ospreys Wheelchair rugby team under the tutelage of Paul Jenkins, who is also the UK Invictus team coach. I was lucky enough to play in all the important games at last year's Games, but unfortunately I aggravated an existing shoulder injury in the build up to these games, which hampered my game time severely.

Nevertheless, there was a real team ethos in the squad, all pushing towards success, regardless of who was in the starting line up. For me, it was like serving again – knowing the lads had your back.

I would recommend to anyone who has had a life-changing injury or illness to reach out and find a club or organisation that can and will help with their recovery. For me, it was a chance meeting with a now very good friend of mine, Sam Lloyd, who was a firefighter until he broke his neck in a freak accident jumping into the sea, resulting in him breaking his neck and leaving him quadriplegic;

which led me on the path to recovery.

It put everything into perspective when he told me that if he had the physical function I had, then he would go travelling the world.

How could I feel sorry for myself when he said that?

Without Help for Heroes, I believe the Invictus Games would not be possible. What I would add, though, is all the other work they do for ex-service men and women, including educational courses, work placements, clinical appointments and, of course, sporting activities. The work they do and these programmes cannot be underestimated in the recovery of wounded, injured or sick veterans or serving personnel and their loved ones.

I must say how much the help of my family and friends has been key to my ongoing recovery. I owe them all so much.

In addition, I would like to thank the Service charities, who all work tirelessly to achieve the same goal of supporting our service personnel and have been paramount in my personal recovery, including the Royal British Legion, the Royal Air Forces Association and Supporting Wounded Veterans.

Jeff Robinson

Jeff thanks his family, his friends, his teammates and Service charities for their assistance, and there is another organisation to mention.

Drive through Bridgend Industrial Estate, or if you kept an eye on the fast-moving members of Team UK in the Invictus Games, and you will see the name 'Roma' emblazoned on the back of the team's wheelchairs.

Roma's commercial director, Steve Hughes, tells readers about the company's involvement with all forms of wheelchair sport, not just

rugby.

ROMA Medical is a privately owned Welsh company located in Bridgend. It is a market leader with regard to manufacturing and selling mobility and rehabilitation equipment.

During 2012, Roma introduced to the market a rugby wheelchair which was very well received and enabled the company to develop entry level/generic chairs through to high performance made to measure products. Roma developed the patented Contour Body Mapping system which allows an athlete to be fitted for their sports wheelchair through a state of the art measuring system.

This was the first product to be manufactured in Bridgend and since then, the sports wheelchair portfolio has grown considerably. The range also includes basketball, tennis, rugby league, table tennis, badminton, skate park and dance chairs. Roma has also developed a multi-sports chair that can be utilised through various sports for young budding athletes through schools.

Since its introduction, Roma has been proud to have manufactured chairs for all four Invictus Games, supplying a selection of chairs for rugby, basketball and tennis. The company is also affiliated with numerous partners including Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby and The Tennis Foundation.

Roma continues to invest in the development of its sports programme through a series of innovation, R&D and the introduction of the latest technology to remain at the forefront of wheelchair sport.

Steve Hughes

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The dos and don'ts of Drones Club

WITH the festive season fast approaching, hundreds of local people of all ages will be looking forward to receiving a drone this Christmas morning.

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PSSTTA Christmas fair
PORTHCAWL St Sébastien Town Twinning Association (PSSTTA) will host a Christmas craft fair on Saturday, November 17 from 1pm – 4pm at Trinity Church, John Street, Porthcawl.

This is a great opportunity to buy some early Christmas gifts and get into the festive spirit. Refreshments will be available and admission is free.

accessible than ever before. For us Air Traffic Control (ATC) personnel and our crew colleagues who fly in the local area, the accessibility and out-of-the-box flyability of drones poses an ever-increasing threat to aviation safety. You will have seen and read news stories about close encounters between aircraft (carrying between one and over 500 people) and drones, and it is accepted industry-wide that a collision with potentially catastrophic results is a matter of when, not if.

Hopefully if you are planning to buy a drone for a family member this Christmas or if you're looking forward to receiving one yourself, the UK Civil Aviation Authority has a healthy stock of publications for you to read to allow you to enjoy your drone safely and responsibly.

These materials can be found at www.caa.co.uk/Consumers/Unmanned-aircraft-and-drones/ and dronesafe.uk/.

It's important to think about where and how you're flying your drone, especially

in busy portions of airspace like the Vale. Flying a drone anywhere between Nash Point and Cardiff Bay, especially in the immediate vicinity of Cardiff and St Athan aerodromes, could pose a danger to aircraft and should be avoided where possible.

If you would still like to fly your drone in this area and have any questions or concerns about the safety of your flight then please call either Cardiff ATC (24 hours a day) on 01446 752094 or St Athan ATC (8am-5pm) on 01446 798889 beforehand.

The friendly staff will help you with your queries and take down some details about your proposed flight in order to enable controllers to keep manned aircraft safely informed about your drone.

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If you would like to know more about Toffee, telephone 01656 725219 visit the centre at Court Colman CF31 4NG, or search on www.dogtrust.org.uk/.



Toffee and Hannah.

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People at risk of losing sight due to lack of regular health checks

Diabetes affects an estimated 4.6 million people in the UK¹, yet 40% of the British public are unaware that blindness is one of diabetes' biggest complications².

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Dr Nigel Best, clinical spokesperson at Specsavers says: 'Diabetes is one of the fastest growing health conditions today - fuelled by record levels of obesity, excessive sugar consumption and sedentary lifestyles. If we continue to turn a blind eye to the risk of developing type 2 diabetes as a result, we can only expect to see the number of undiagnosed cases escalate.'

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Eye screening is also a key part of your diabetes care and people with diabetes should have routine screenings done every one to two years by an optometrist. Contact your local GP or local diabetic screening service for more information.

Sophie Castell, Director of Relationships at RNIB, says: 'Sadly, all too often, people with diabetes can lose their sight due to complications. Yet with early detection and treatment, sight loss due to diabetic retinopathy can be prevented. Regular eye tests are important for everyone, but especially for people living with diabetes who should also ensure they attend appointments for specialist diabetic eye screening. It's a few minutes that could save your sight.'

¹https://www.diabetes.org.uk/resources-s3/2017-11/diabetes_in_the_uk_2010.pdf

²https://www.diabetes.org.uk/about_us/news/over-40-of-people-unaware-diabetes-can-lead-to-blindness-

³ State of the Nation's Eye Health, Specsavers/ RNIB 2016 <http://www.rnib.org.uk/knowledge-and-research-hub-research-reports/prevention-sight-loss/stateofthenation>

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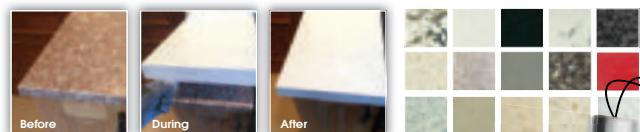
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There will be a PACT meeting for GIBBONSDOWN residents at 10.30am at the Residents' Board Office, Coychurch Rise, on Thursday, November 13.

Meet your local Officers at PENARTH LEISURE CENTRE at 10am on Thursday, November 8.

There will be coffee and chat at the CARNE ARMS, LLYSWORNEY, at 11am on Thursday, November 8.

If you have any issues that are affecting your quality of life but are unable to attend a meeting, contact 101 for non emergencies or log onto: www.south-wales.police.uk where there are contact details for your local PCSO and they can be contacted directly for non emergency matters.

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Rachel Williams.
A SULLY woman, who starred in the musical *Cats*, is returning to south Wales with her own one-woman show.

Rachel Williams, who has performed on the London stage and in Paris and Hollywood, is appearing at the cabaret bar at Wales Millennium Centre on Saturday, November 24. The show is autobiographical and a mixture of jazz, musical comedy and Hollywood classics.

Rachel said: "It's a whistle-stop tour, from my first glimpse of the limelight in an Aberystwyth Chapel, through London ballet classes and stage school to principal dancer at the Moulin Rouge, via some LA Hollywood schmooze, to a long-running role in *Cats* on the West End."

For more information, contact Wales Millennium Centre on 02920 636464.

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Proposal/Cynnig: Extensions/alterations including, entrance lobby/toilet to kitchen; dining room; removal of roof gables; removal of dormer windows to bedroom and replace with flat roof dormer.
Location/Lleoliad: Greystones, Factory Road, Llanblethian, Cowbridge
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Conservation Area Consent / Caniatâd Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No./Rhif y cais: 2018/01187/CAC
Proposal/Cynnig: Part demolition of derelict barn and stables at Pwll Sarn Farm
Location/Lleoliad: Pwll Sarn Farm, A48, St. Nicholas
Conservation Area/Ardal Gadwraeth St. Nicholas

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Proposal/Cynnig: The conversion of a former mortuary to a dwelling house - seeking retrospective approval of details reserved by Conditions 3 and 5 listed building consent ref: 2017/00679/LBC
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Listed Building/Adeilad Rhestredig Affecting Lifeboat house and the Lifeboat house slipway adjacent to West Breakwater, both Grade II

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THE Rotary Club of Barry has donated a pair of microwaves to the Senior Health Shop on Holton Road in Barry.

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co-ordinator Nona
Hexter.

The Senior Health Shop is part of Age Connects and aims to improve, said a spokesperson, "...the health and wellbeing for older people in the Vale by providing a place to meet with cafe facilities, serving food and drink at reasonable cost where people can meet, make new friends and reduce isolation".

The spokesperson continued, saying: "It is also a centre for information provided by staff and volunteers who are trained as 'dementia friends'."

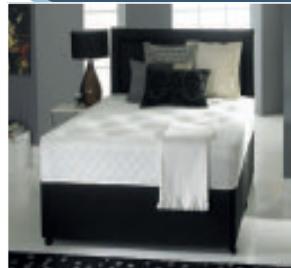
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Local councillor's charity vinyl release raises £6,460 for Ty Hafan

A BARRY councillor has helped to raise £6,460 for the local children's hospice Ty Hafan following the sell-out release of a charity compilation on vinyl.

Cllr Vincent Bailey

runs a 'vaporwave' record label called 'My Pet Flamingo' with his brother Jerome Sabourin, and the release of their latest compilation (Flamingo Funk Volume 1) sold out in just minutes last month, raising a significant sum for two UK charities.

Cllr Bailey said he

was "extremely proud" to have raised the sum and visited Ty Hafan with the good news this week.

He said: "The work they do with the children is remarkable, and you only have to visit them to know that every penny you raise is going to be hugely appreciated.

"It's hard to imagine ever having to face such a tough diagnosis for your child and the staff who work at Ty Hafan are literally angels. It was incredibly moving to speak to them and see first-hand what they do."

"We were particularly impressed with the facilities they have in the music therapy room – which is appropriate, given our involvement as a small record label."

The record sold out in minutes, with more than 1,000 copies selling on vinyl and several hundred more on cassette, CD and minidisc formats.

It is still available as a digital download via the My Pet Flamingo bandcamp website: mypyflamingo.bandcamp.com. All sales will continue to go to Ty Hafan and London charity 'Our Barn,' which supports children with special needs.



Cllr Vincent Bailey and Jerome Sabourin making the presentation to Ty Hafan support care manager James Hale (centre) this week.

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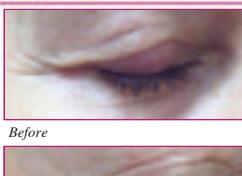
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as well as authorities such as the police, to attempt to extort money through illegitimate means. They will either contact the victims via telephone, email or in person and request that money be moved to 'safer' locations, due to bogus security issues.

They will create a sense of urgency and may even know minor details about the victims to convince them they are genuine.

If you or anyone know is affected by fraud and cybercrime, contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 to report the matter as soon as possible.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Brewery Field hosts charity match
A SPECIAL anniversary charity match, marking 40 years since Bridgend RFC played the All Blacks, takes place on Friday, November 9 at Morganstone Brewery Field (kick off 7.30pm).

A 'Gareth Williams Select 15' will play 'Home Nations Deaf Rugby 15'.

Admission is £5 and all proceeds go to the MSA Trust, which supports people suffering from multiple system atrophy.

Dinas Powys Players

THE Dinas Powys Players will present *The Odd Couple* by Neil Simon at the Parish Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys at 7.30pm on November 15, 16 and 17.

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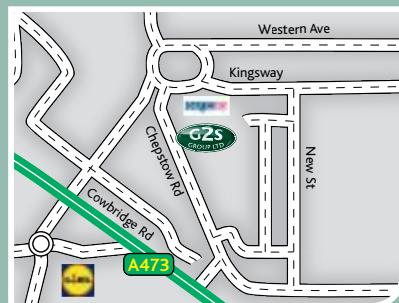
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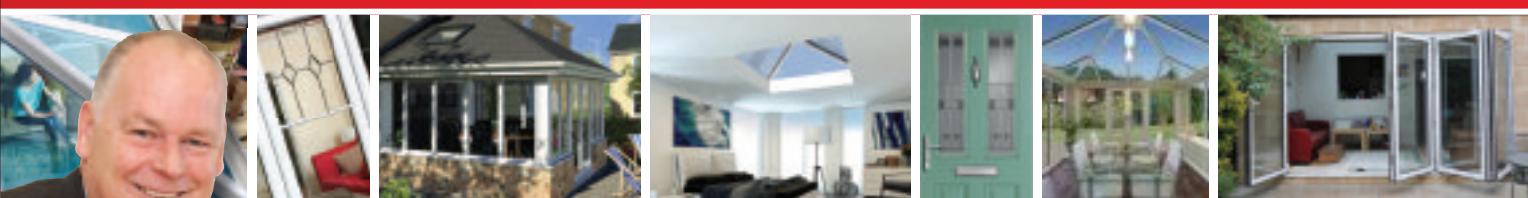
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Juliet, Naked is a charming little comedy...



by
GARETH JAMIESON
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Lunchtime concerts at All Saints

MAKING a return visit to All Saints' Church for the next of its free lunchtime concerts on Monday, November 12 is mezzo-soprano Elizabeth Sillo.

Elizabeth also brings along with her accompanist Dorothy

NICK HORNBY'S move from the page to the screen has been pretty successful, both in terms of his books being made for film (*High Fidelity* and *About a Boy* in particular) and also his script work on *An Education*, *Wild* and *Brooklyn*. His book *Juliet, Naked* is the latest to reach the big screen,

under the auspices of *Girls* director Jesse Perez, which tells the story of Annie (Rose Byrne), whose relationship with boyfriend Duncan (Chris O'Dowd) is feeling jaded.

When Annie comes across an old demo tape of now-faded singer-songwriter Tucker Crowe (Ethan Hawke), Duncan's musical hero, her pithy online review draws the attentions of the reclusive Crowe and the pair strike up an unlikely relationship...

A Venn diagram of Nick Hornby subject matter would be dominated by affairs of the heart and music, so *Juliet, Naked* is very much Hornby's happy space, but the question is, how does the book work when transposed

to the big screen? The answer is reasonably well; a film that has a charming and inoffensive presence about it that focuses on the hopes we leave behind to forge ahead with our lives, and whether these hopes can be salvaged when things go awry.

It has a cast that is both top-drawer yet also hugely likeable, and it comes across in the performances. Rose Byrne is vastly underrated as a performer, and here she's brilliant as a woman whose body clock and ambitions are waking up 15 years too late.

It's a straighter performance than you might expect, but it's one that is spot-on, wonderfully nailing the

ennui of her character. Chris O'Dowd is equally good, his love of Tucker Crowe and the mystique that surrounds him making himself closed off to Annie and her feelings, and O'Dowd plays the slightly pompous and unaware Duncan with a pleasing tone.

Ethan Hawke's credentials speak for themselves, but is the man behind the myth, he's awkwardly charming and likeable. Collecting ex-partners and children like gold discs, he's a man who has turned his back on fame to live his life, but whose past is constantly echoing around him.

It's a turn delivered laconically, but Crowe's reasons for turning his back on his music career, and the constant

audio references to his seminal album *Juliet*, hint at darker issues that Hawke conveys with subtlety.

Among the writers who have developed Hornby's prose for the big screen here is Jim Taylor, whose work has most notably been with Alexander Payne – the likes of *Sideways* and *Election* – and you can see something of a join with those works in the way the story draws laughs from true-to-life scenarios, finding the humour and the pathos in the lives of relatable people.

Director Jesse Perez' CV is littered with top-quality TV (*Girls*, *Divorce*) and slightly-less-auspicious films (*The Ex*), but his direction here veers more towards the

former than the latter. This isn't a story that requires much in the way of visual flair, but Perez' direction has a warm and gentle glow about it, dovetailing the tone of the story and making it low-key but gently impressive.

In fact, its low-key nature is one of the flaws of the film; as the story develops you never feel it pick up the pace, and as things develop for the characters there is no dramatic push and pull.

Instead, it just flows into one (which leads to an ending that feels quite abrupt, especially given how much we are asked to latch on to these characters), which takes a little of the shine off proceedings.

However, *Juliet, Naked* is a satisfying

film, one that unscrews gently but connects enough to make it a subtle and pleasing film. It's perhaps a little too soft to really resonate any longer than it has to, but while in its company, you'll enjoy it.

VERDICT: Nick Hornby's latest book to hit the big screen, *Juliet, Naked* is a thoroughly charming comedy that may lack bite, but not to its detriment. Enjoyable performances and an engaging plot offer up plenty to savour, even if it ends up feeling a little too one-note. *Enjoyable*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *High Fidelity* (2000), *You've Got Mail* (1998).

What's on and where in your area

Ward Councillors' surgery

THE Labour Vale and Town Councillors for the Gibbonsdown and Court Wards will hold an advice surgery on Saturday, November 10 at Parkside Christian Centre, St Brides Way, Barry from 10am until 11am. No appointment necessary.

Valeways guided walks

ON Sunday, November 11 at 2pm a circular coastal path walk will take place; meet in the car park on the seafront at Gileston.

THE Music at Lunchtime weekly concerts are free entry, with an option to donate. Donations are shared between the church and a charity of the performer's choice. Elizabeth has chosen Ty Hafan and the Kodaly Violin School.

The concerts commence at 1pm and last around an hour, with doors open for refreshments in the gallery from 12.30pm.

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BARRY Uniting Church is holding a Christmas bazaar on Saturday, November 10 between 1pm and 4pm. Lots of stalls and a raffle, £1 entry includes a cup of tea/coffee and biscuit.

We are situated between Poundstretchers and the medical centre in the temporary office on the waterfront. Funds go towards the building fund for the new community centre.

Books, bakes and bric-a-brac

ON Saturday, November 10 from 10.30am to 12.30pm a sale will be held; cakes, a large variety of pre-loved books, lots of lovely bric-a-brac and a raffle with an array of prizes – stock up for Christmas!

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Last Post in Barry

BARRY War Museum say that a bugler will sound *Last Post* at 2pm on Remembrance Sunday in Barry.

The Deputy Mayor and husband will be representing the Vale Council and they are hoping the weather will be kind to allow Gareth to be able to proceed with his sand drawing of a World War 1 soldier in front of the eastern shelter.

Armistice Day in Penarth

AN Armistice Day parade takes place in Penarth on Remembrance Sunday, November 11.

The parade will leave Station Approach at 9.45am and proceed via Rectory Road to the Garden of Remembrance at the corner of Alexandra Park.

After the wreath laying ceremony, the parade moves on St Augustine's Church for the service which starts at 10.30am.

After the service, the parade will reform and proceed via Albert Crescent, Albert Road and Windsor Road to the Ex-Servicemen's Club where the parade will terminate for refreshments. Penarth Yacht Club will hold a short service at 10.30am to remember those members who lost

their lives.

Remembrance at Lavernock

THE former St Lawrence Church at Fort Road, Lavernock will host a meditative Remembrance service at 3pm on Sunday, November 11.

There will be appropriate hymns, Bible readings and poetry and a short reflection by Rev Margaret Stark; poppies and candles will add to the atmosphere of the occasion.

There is free parking to the left of Fort Road as one approaches the church. Tea and coffee will be served at the end of the service; any enquiries to 02920 701303.

Barry Floral Society

BARRY Floral Society are preparing for Christmas at the St Nicholas community hall, St Nicholas Road, Barry. On Tuesday, November 13 members will enjoy a demonstration by Mrs Pat Llewlyn of Ammanford entitled 'Christmas Moments with Flowers'.

On November 20 members will be busy with glitter, ribbons, candles, baubles and holly. Both meetings commence at 2.15pm.

On Tuesday, November 27 the club's annual Christmas coffee morning/exhibition will take place from 10.30am to 12pm. This year a donation will be made to the club's chosen charity Ty Robin Goch, Barry.

Penarth Computer club

PENARTH Computer Club will meet at 7.30pm in All Saints' Lesser Hall, Penarth on November 13.

The topic this month is 'Exploring the uses and misuses of PowerPoint', illustrated with some historical trivia. Visitors welcome.

PACT meetings

WHY not come along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa with a Copper' held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12pm.

PACT for Gibbonsdown residents at 10.30am at the Residents' Board Office, Coyerchurch Rise on Thursday, November 13.

Meet Your Local Officers at Penarth Leisure Centre at 10am on Thursday, November 8.

Coffee and chat at the Carne Arms,

Llysoweney at 11am on Thursday, November 8.

Floral arrangement

PORTHCAWL Floral Arrangement Society will hold an open evening on Wednesday, November 14 at 7.30pm at The Stage Door, The Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl.

There will be a flower demonstration by Katherine Kear of NAFAS, entitled 'Myths, Mince and Merriment.' Tickets £12, with coffee and mince pies with donations to local charities; all welcome.

Cowbridge U3A

THE next Cowbridge U3A monthly meeting will be a talk entitled 'RNLI – Saving Lives at Sea and Along the Shore' by John Humphreys at 2pm on Wednesday, November 14 in Cowbridge Town Hall.

Visitors welcome for a small fee, which includes refreshments. See www.u3asites.org.uk/cowbridge.

PACT meetings

YNYSAWDRE PACT at Ynysawdre Community Hall on Tuesday, November 15 at 6pm.

Llangeinor PACT at the Richard Price Centre, Llangeinor on Wednesday, November 21 at 5.30pm.

Blackmill PACT at Blackmill Community Centre on Monday, November 19 at 6.30pm.

Bettws PACT at Bettws Life Centre on Thursday, November 8 at 2pm.

Sarn and Bryncoch PACT at Sarn Life Centre on Monday, December 3 at 7pm.

Tabernacle Bridgend concert

TABERNACLE Choir Bridgend is looking forward to helping you get in the Christmas mood with a Christmas celebration concert at Tabernacle Church, Bridgend on November 30 at 7pm.

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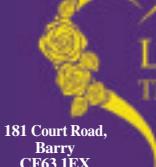
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Special ceremony will honour Penarth's Victoria Cross soldiers

ON Friday, November 9 at 11am, a special ceremony will take place in the Garden of Remembrance, Rectory Road in Penarth.

Two memorial stones (kindly donated by the UK National Government) honouring Captain Richard Wain and Sergeant Samuel Pearce will be unveiled as part of the town's commemoration of the centenary of the signing of the Armistice in November 1918.

Each man won a posthumous Victoria Cross during the Great War of 1914-1919.

Relations of the two soldiers are travelling from as far afield as Scotland and Bournemouth to pay their respects. There

will also be members of each man's regiment and a representative of the Australian Government present.

Following the ceremony, a special one-day exhibition on Penarth's role in the Great War will be staged at the Paget Rooms in Penarth. This event starts immediately following the conclusion of the ceremony and closes at 4 pm on Friday, November 9. There is no charge for entry and it is open to all.

Exhibitors at the exhibition will include Dr Jonathan Hicks who will be telling the stories of the two VC heroes, the Western Front Association, re-enactors from the Great War Society in period uniforms and kit, and Penarth Wargames Club who will be re-enacting battles of the Great War in miniature.

St Augustine's Church will be displaying the results of their research into the men listed on their church war memorial and other local historians will also be showing visitors their research. St Cynes School choir will be singing period songs and there will be a special showing of Peter Jackson's new coloured film *They Shall Not Grow Old*.

Dr Jonathan Hicks tells the stories of these two gallant men.

Richard William Leslie Wain was born at 4 Victoria Square in Penarth on December 5, 1896. His father was a solicitor who worked at Bank Buildings in St Mary Street in Cardiff. His elder sister, Elsie Madeline, was born in January 1896. His grandfather, also named

by Dr Jonathan Hicks

Richard Wain, was a hotelier first in Brynmawr, and later in Penarth.

Richard lived with his parents, grandparents and three servants at The Knoll on Cog Road in Sully from about 1901 to around 1906. His father, Harris Wain, was a manager at Sully National School when Glamorgan Council took over the school in 1905.

After attending the Llandaff Cathedral School Richard was sent to St Bees, a prestigious independent school in Cumberland, and was educated there from 1911 to 1914.

He passed the Higher Certificate, Oxford and Cambridge Joint Board, joined the Officer Training Corps, and was the holder of a house scholarship. Intending to go to Oxford University, his plans were halted by the events of the summer of 1914.

He joined the 7th (Reserve) Battalion of the Welsh Regiment, a cyclist battalion which never saw active service. Richard transferred to the 16th Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment, with whom he underwent basic training.

He was commissioned into the Manchester Regiment on July 3, 1915 and joined the 17th Battalion on July 16, 1915 at Belton Park,



Lt Richard Wain.

Grantham. After completing their training at Larkhill on Salisbury Plain the battalion was posted to France in November. Richard joined them some time afterwards as a second lieutenant.

The next few months were spent on guard duties, forming working parties taking supplies up to the front line and repairing trenches and barbed wire. At the end of June they moved to the Somme area in preparation for the great attack.

On the evening of June 30, 1916 the battalion moved into the assembly trenches north-east of Maricourt and at 8.30am the following morning, Richard and A Company advanced towards the German lines.

Second Lieutenant Kenneth Callan-Macardle (killed on July 10) wrote later: 'The ground was so rough and broken with shell holes that when I lay down under our barrage, I found myself ahead of the first line - I had four men left. "The 17th had

advanced too quickly. We had done it all at the slowest walk and been quite uncheck - so we lay down for 40 minutes, under the shells, waiting. Waiting is hard. We were to rush the village at 9.56. The time came. I was watching A Company to see them rise and the seconds ticked on. I hailed a sergeant and asked him, shouting in his ear, where his officers were. "All gone, Sir!" he shouted back.'

I caught a glimpse of young Wain, his face haggard with pain, one leg soaked with blood, smoking a cigarette and pushing himself

forward with a stick. His voice was full of sobs and tears of pain and rage. "Get up you bastards. Blast your souls - get up". I waved to him and he smiled and dropped - he knew it was not absolutely up to him any longer.

We of B Company took over, for he was the last of A Company's officers and their sergeant major was also killed.

We were enfiladed from our left (where another battalion had failed to advance) by machine gun and rifle fire.

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The Barry was renamed *Waverley* and was bombed, and sunk, in the North Sea in the Second World War. Her wreck was discovered recently and the ship's wheel and other items are now on display in Barry Library and Council Offices at King Square.

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Richard was by now unable to walk and was evacuated back to the Regimental Aid Post and then via a field ambulance to a casualty clearing station. The wound to his leg was so serious that he was evacuated back to Britain, where he spent time recovering from his injuries.

After making a full recovery, he was transferred to the heavy branch of the Machine Gun Corps on January 2, 1917 and was posted to A Battalion in France where he underwent training in the new weapon: the tank.

In April he spent 10 days' leave in Paris and on returning joined his unit in Belgium where preparations were underway for the great battle of Messines. By now promoted to the rank of lieutenant, on June 7 he led his crew on the first day of the attack across marshy ground – totally unsuitable for tanks.

A piece of shell from a British artillery barrage struck his tank and wounded one of

the crew. Eventually his tank became stuck in No Man's Land and the following night the tanks were withdrawn.

On August 22 he was promoted to the rank of captain and was wounded again two days later. He led his tank section during the Third Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele), but again the ground conditions were unsuitable for tank deployment.

Aged just 20, Richard Wain won his Victoria Cross later that same year.

At dawn on November 20, 1917, his tank moved forward from its concealed position around the village of Gouzeaucourt, using low gears to reduce the noise. This was the first day of the Battle of Cambrai when 378 tanks took part in an attempt to break through the German line between Trescault and Gonnelleu.

The German troops were terrified by the approach of these lumbering machines emerging out of the early morning mist but

there were pockets of resistance.

Richard was in the leading tank of his section of No 1 Company. He was in charge of A Battalion, Section 1, consisting of tanks A1, A2 and A3. He was on board A2 'Abou-Ben-Adam II', commanded by Lieutenant Christopher William Duncan. His orders were to proceed in the direction of Good Old Man Farm towards Marcoing and assist the infantry in their advance.

They crossed the German line, the Hindenburg Line, and cleared the enemy defenders as they went. The infantry were then held up by a strongpoint consisting of a machine gun post with a trench mortar in the Hindenburg Support Line and called for assistance from the tanks.

One by one, Richard's tank section was knocked out by fire from a trench mortar battery. His own tank was hit five times before it was stopped. A2 was knocked out on the ridge between Villers-Plouich and Marcoing, near Good Old Man Farm.

His crew were by now all dead or wounded. Richard himself was badly wounded but jumped out of the tank, accompanied by another member of the crew.

One of the crew, Private Joseph Mossman, described what happened next: *Captain Wain and Stoker made a dash for the trench which was nearer their door. Roberts and I left by the opposite door and were fired on by a German rifleman at point blank range. Fortunately he was a poor shot and we made the trench.*

Our only weapons were revolvers carried by Captain Wain, Roberts and myself.

Captain Wain got on the parados (the back of the trench) and shouted, "Give me a bloody rifle!" That's all he said. I saw him snatch a rifle, put it to his shoulder, fire two rounds, and was himself shot dead in the head. He dropped, a lifeless corpse, by my side.

He then picked up a Lewis machine gun and advanced towards the strongpoint, firing as he went. Capturing the German strongpoint, he took several prisoners and destroyed four trench mortars and two machine guns. He refused medical attention.

Rifleman Walter Wilkinson wrote later, "I chance to look back at the disabled tank. As I did so, Captain Wain, with his tunic torn away at the front, his chest covered in

blood, and in a pretty bad way, jumped into the trench by my side and shouted, "Give me a bloody rifle!" That's all he said. I saw him snatch a rifle, put it to his shoulder, fire two rounds, and was himself shot dead in the head. He dropped, a lifeless corpse, by my side.

Richard Wain was taken unconscious to a dressing station where he died.

His Victoria Cross was announced in The London Gazette on February 13, 1918: 'For most conspicuous bravery in command of a section of Tanks.

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During an attack the Tank in which he was, was disabled by a direct hit near an enemy strong point which was holding up the attack. Captain Wain and one man, both seriously wounded, were the only survivors.

Though bleeding profusely from his wounds, he refused the attention of stretcher-bearers, rushed from behind the Tank with a Lewis gun, and captured the strongpoint, taking about half the garrison prisoners. Although his wounds were very serious he picked up a rifle and continued to fire at the retiring enemy until he received a fatal wound in the head. It was due to the valour displayed by Captain Wain that the infantry were able to advance.

He was buried about 200 yards south-east of his tank besides the Villers-Plouich-Marcoing Road but the grave was later lost and he is now commemorated on the Louverval Memorial, as are Lieutenant Duncan and Private John Alfred Browning, the other

dead members of the crew. Richard's Victoria Cross was only the second to be won by a soldier serving with the Tank Corps and the only one awarded to the Tank Corps at Cambrai.

Sergeant Samuel George Pearse was born at 47, Arcot Street in Penarth on July 16, 1897. He was the eldest of six children. His father George had served in the Grenadier Guards before losing an eye in a shooting accident.

George trained as a stonemason before working as a cement burner at the South Wales Portland Cement and Lime Company, situated between Penarth and Lavernock. Samuel attended the National School in Penarth before working on a large neighbouring estate. By now the family was living at 10 Salop Place and later at 60 Salop Street.

During this period he saved the life of a four-year-old boy who was in danger of being run down by a bolting horse and carriage.

In 1911, George Pearse, Samuel and his younger brother Robert

emigrated to Mildura, Victoria in Australia. The following year, Sarah Pearse and the rest of the children joined them. Here Samuel worked as a grape picker, sheep shearer, rabbit trapper and shot foxes. He also worked on a dairy farm.

One day Samuel saved the life of a small child who had fallen into an underground water tank. He dived in and brought her to the surface and she suffered no ill effects. On another occasion he saved a girl from being gored by a bull.

By 1915, Samuel was working on a river boat, baiting lines and mending nets. He was also serving in the local militia, the 73rd Infantry Company of the Legion of Frontiersmen.

In July 1915, two weeks after his 18th birthday, Samuel joined the 7th Battalion of the Australian Army. He embarked from Melbourne on September 10 and spent two months in Egypt.

He arrived at Anzac Cove, Gallipoli, on December 6 where he served until just before



Sgt Samuel Pearse.

Christmas Day when the battalion was evacuated to Lemnos.

On March 31, 1916 the battalion arrived at Marseilles and travelled north to the area of No Somme, entering the line at Fleurbaix on May 3. Preparations were now underway for the great Somme offensive, which began on July 1.

Samuel saw his first major action on the Somme during the battle for Mouquet Farm later that month. In August he was transferred to the 2nd Australian Machine Gun Company and was wounded on his very first day of service when

he was concussed as the result of a near miss by a German high explosive shell. The wound, however, was not serious and he was back in action four days later. In November he was again admitted to hospital.

In January 1917 he was charged with going absent without leave for a third time and forfeited 21 days' pay.

The Third Battle of Ypres, more commonly known as the Battle of Passchendaele, began on July 31, 1917. Samuel's company took part in one of its constituent battles – the Battle of the Menin Road – on September 18. That night a flickering light was observed across No Man's Land and, taking a pistol and a bag of bombs, Samuel set off to investigate.

As he drew nearer he saw a German machine-gunner post so he crawled closer and threw two Mills bombs over the parapet into the German position, killing or wounding the machine-gunner crew; the remainder he drove off with his pistol. Later in the same battle he acted as a runner, carrying messages under heavy fire, and brought wounded men in from

the battlefield. For these actions he was awarded the Military Medal.

His citation in the London Gazette on December 12 1917 read: 'For courage and resource on outpost duty, and services as a runner during fighting east of Ypres.'

Samuel spent six weeks in hospital during 1917, suffering from severe bronchial catarrh.

In November he was promoted to lance corporal and subsequently to corporal in April 1918.

In January 1918, while on leave at Harrowby Recreational Camp near Grantham in Lincolnshire, he met Kitty Knox and they became engaged in early May. Just a few days later he took part in the attack on Ville-sur-Ancre, where he suffered a foot wound.

He was evacuated to Edmonton Military Hospital and was on sick leave until the end of June.

He again went absent without leave in August 1918 and was reduced to the ranks after a court martial. In January 1919 he was hospitalised once more with bronchial catarrh and had the middle toe on his right foot amputated. He

applied for discharge from the Australian Army on May 23, 1919 and immediately applied to join the Royal Fusiliers in order to serve in the north Russia campaign.

Samuel and Kitty were married on June 1, 1919 at Houghton-le-Spring in County Durham.

He joined the 45th Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers who were then ordered to Russia. The North Russian Relief Force had been formed to protect allied supplies which were being sent to the White Russian forces then engaged in a struggle against the Russian Revolutionaries of the Red Army. Given his experience, Samuel was soon promoted to the rank of sergeant.

On

August 29, 1919

north of Emtsa, a village on the Archangel to Vologda railway line, his actions resulted in the award of the Victoria Cross.

The citation for his Victoria Cross in the London Gazette on October 21, 1919 stated: 'For most conspicuous bravery, devotion to duty and self-sacrifice during the operation against the enemy battery position north of Emtsa (North Russia) on the 29th

June.

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Dinas Powys will remember the fallen on Armistice Day

SUNDAY, November 11, 2018, marks the centenary of Armistice Day and to mark the end of the First World War, Dinas Powys is hosting a series of events which will culminate in a Remembrance concert on Saturday, December 1.

The concert will feature Monmouth Male Voice Choir and takes place at St Peter's Church at 7pm.

The local community council has sponsored a 'Silent Soldier', which has been placed next to the war memorial on the Twyn at the village square.

An exhibition commemorating residents who died during the First World War will be on display in the window of 'Head to Head' in the centre of the village.

Because of the significance of this centenary year, the timings and format of the annual Remembrance Day service on Sunday, November 11, have been changed.

The service will start at 10am at St Peter's Church in Mill Road and at 10.30am, everyone will proceed to the war memorial on the Twyn ready for 10.45am.

Bethesda Chapel are guests of Ebenezer Chapel, Highwalls Road. The service starts at 9.45am and will finish at 10.30am.

The reading of the



The river of poppies produced by Dinas Powys WI.

names of those who died will take place at 10.45am, to be followed by the two-minute silence, a short service and the laying of wreaths.

Those who wish to attend only the wreath laying ceremony are asked to assemble on the Twyn by 10.45am at the latest.

After the service, everyone is welcome at Lee Hall in Britway Road for light refreshments, hosted by Dinas Powys Baptist Church.

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Education part 3 1892 – 1914

The Catholic saga: necessary or not? Barry history by Laurie Owen

LOCAL historian Laurie Owen continues his series on the time (approx 1880 to 1905) when Barry rapidly expanded from a small village to a large town – driven by the opening of Barry Docks.

IN 1886, a young Irish doctor arrived in Cadoxton primarily as a GP, but due to his energy and drive, he would be instrumental in the dramatic changes about to happen.

Peter Joseph O'Donnell 1856-1937 LRCIS (Dublin), served on the first Local Board in 1888 and was chairman of the School Board for 10 years. With the assistance of Father Hyland, Mass was celebrated in 1887 at the doctor's home 'Ardmoyle' on Barry Road and with many Catholics in the area, a school was next on the agenda.

In May 1892, St Helen's Roman Catholic School-Chapel opened on Court Road, with headmistress Mrs Catherine Higgins and 114 children already enrolled.

Built on undisturbed farmland near the police station for £2,000, teachers, books and stationery were financed by the Catholic Authorities and parents helped with maintenance.

In July of that year, Monsignor William Williams of Cardiff made an impassioned plea for his school to be 'recognised' as a public elementary school and thus be eligible for the 17s 6d per pupil grant from the Education Department.

The Local Board had objected to the school being built and were now almost united against such approval, deeming this extra school "unnecessary". As a lone supportive voice on the committee, Dr O'Donnell asserted that religion was the biggest opposition factor, but this was vehemently denied. There were legitimate financial concerns, because every child who attended the Catholic School would mean a loss of 17s 6d to the Board Schools at Cadoxton, East Barry and Holton.

The Monsignor tried repeatedly without success but then after four years, amid 'vigorous protest' by the School Board, the Education Department declared that the school was a "not unnecessary school" and would receive grants in line with all other schools.

Just two years later, with accommodation for 246 children and 361 on the register with an average attendance of 296, permission was given to extend the site to take an additional 56 mixed pupils and 54 infants.

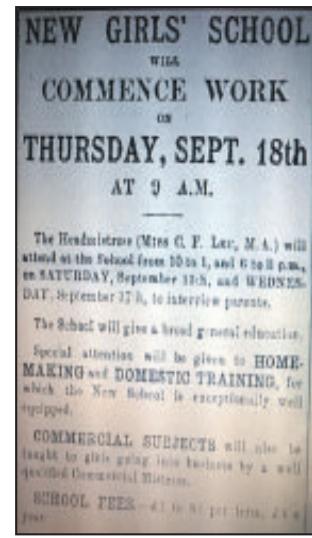
At that time, total school accommodation was for 4,990 pupils with 5,377 on the register and average attendance of 86.3 per cent.

The Education Act of 1902 abolished School Boards and brought all elementary schools under the Local Education Authority of the County Council. It also now provided funds for religious instruction, allowing St Helen's further financial assistance and while the Church of England approved, was opposed by Nonconformists and the Liberal Party.

Managers of St Helen's School, now rightly in celebratory mood, soon realised that passing a law was not the same as enforcing a law. Throughout the land there was much resistance to these new rules and Barry Education Authority dragged their heels on every occasion.

WJ Williams caused quite a 'spat' with Dr O'Donnell and Mr McCann, as he resented paying Catholic teachers when they had not appointed them. Following many meetings over several years, the situation escalated to the point where St Helen's secured a barrister to fight their case. Teachers had been submitting their resignations because of unpaid salaries, so an inquiry was held in June 1905.

The following year, the Board of Education instructed Barry UDC to pay salaries, much to the indignation of some



Girls' County School 1913.

councillors.

When the Welsh Intermediate Education Bill became law in 1889, local men such as JC Meggitt, John Lowdon and others could finally satisfy their

desire for sons of working men to have opportunities equal to the sons of the rich. County Councils were now able to plan for such schools to be financed out of local rates, Treasury grants and fees from parents. They would later become Grammar Schools and were the first to receive funds from the public purse.

In March 1891, a committee sought funds to erect a new school, with Glamorgan CC agreeing to donate £2,000, then a further £300, John Cory JP offering an immediate £125 topped up by private donations of £608. A year later they purchased two acres of land for £600 and then Henry John Money of 1, Park Crescent was awarded the contract in 1894 to build the school for £2,670.

The Barry Intermediate School opened in October 1896 on a former football and cricket site at the top of Buttrills Hill, with the aim of supplying higher education, initially to 60 boys and 40 girls in separate classes.

Headmaster Henry Richard Norris MA BSC (London), LLM BA (Cambridge)

was chosen out of 80 applicants and had vast experience and credentials, including 1st Class and Double Honours. The building consisted of a large assembly hall, separate classrooms for both sexes, a chemistry laboratory, art studio, large cookery kitchen, scullery, laundry, ironing stoves and drying horses. Rooms were heated by slow combustion stoves and pupils were prepared for university with a curriculum of basic subjects plus Latin, French, maths, algebra, Euclid, book-keeping, shorthand, cookery, physics, chemistry, mechanics and practical education in all trades.

It was recorded that 38 boys and 50 girls sat at the first entrance exam.

Edward Davies JP of Llandinam,

endowed the school with £1,000, in memory of his father David, the main promoter of the docks in 1884. The interest would finance scholarships for 18 boys and 12 girls, all children of railway company employees, who had attended a Board school for three years, were under 14 and living in a wide area of the Vale. The Governors also had powers to make grants available to some poorer families, including Catholic children.

The 1st annual Speech Day was held in December 1897 at the Romilly Hall,

Broad Street, where the headmaster stressed the importance of learning social skills and to this end they now had mixed classes.

Sport also featured, with the boys remaining unbeaten at football but less

successful at cricket. Girls were playing hockey and hoping to take up baseball very soon. The time had now come when girls should be given the same opportunities as boys.

Initially with accommodation for 100 students and an average attendance of 126, work was in progress to extend the buildings to take up to 180. Scholarships had been awarded to 26 students with 21 being renewed for a second year. School fees were a £1 per term and the County Council grant was £500pa and even when this was increased to £900pa in 1901, income continued to be a problem.

Before moving on, just a short nostalgic visit to the 1958 copy of the 'Barrion', first printed in April 1900. The editorial committee was led by Gwyn 'Killer' Thomas BA and Brynmor 'Boris' Ashton BA, two masters who introduced us to the wonders of 'Don Quixote and Windmills' and 'Virgil's Aeneid'.

The rest of the team were 'members of sixth form' and this copy had 44 pages, taking us to Australia and the eastern Med with 'Maroulis', plus dramas, poems, music and even 'The Crisis of Man' by Malcolm Luxton.

The first paragraph of the editorial carried me back 60 years to 'Killer' Thomas, musing on the approach of spring and summer: "Even the younger desks within thirty yards of the boiler room have been seen to bud..."

"This was seconded by a skiffle chant of propitiation led by Brian Pitman on washboard and vocally belting out the beat, Kenneth Doble on his double bass, Neil Holmes on his motor bike and Alan Morgan on the skull fragments of the ichthyosaurus, which he dug up near Llantwit".

Barry School Board first suggested a joint enterprise with Cardiff, to erect a Truant School at Dinas Powis in 1891, but eight years passed before it came to fruition.

It was built by ER Evans & Bros of Cardiff near the railway station, on an elevated eight acre site purchased from General Lee for £1,750. The total cost of £14,000 included buildings, roads, eight feet high boundary wall and the handsome lodge at the entrance.

With all the latest fittings and appliances, security was obviously a necessity and windows would only open six inches, to prevent the 120 young boys from absconding. William Davies was Superintendent, remaining in charge until his sudden death from apoplexy in 1919 aged just 51.

It should be remembered that these boys were persistent truants, often described as 'incorrigible' and beyond the control of their parents, but they were not criminals. Parents had been fined 2s to 3s.6d for non-attendance of the local school, but even here they could have to pay a similar amount towards their support.

At the official opening, it was announced that after 'training' at the Quaker's Yard Truant School, the attendance record of boys increased from 5 per cent to 75 per cent. This emphasised that the new school would benefit the finances of the Board, as grants were linked to attendance.

Looking back over the first 20 years (1888-1908), as three small villages developed into a bustling town, educating thousands of newly-arrived children was a huge task.

The men chosen to plan and supervise that project, deserved the respect of not only the first generation, but also those of us who came later and attended those same schools.

Although outside the dates of the original story, these two brief accounts bring to an end how education was established in the early days.

The County School for Girls opened in September 1913 to accommodate 220 scholars, with headmistress Miss CF Lee chosen out of 98 applicants, on a salary of £250pa.

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Gavin and Stacey Parkrun draws the crowds as Billericay and Barry come together!



A group of runners from Cardiff.
Photographs by Andy Wicks.



Thumbs up from 'Penarth and Dinas Runners'.



Some runners were in orthodox running gear – while others preferred fancy dress.



Runners came from all over south Wales – and some had travelled from Essex.



Left to right, the Mayor of Basildon Cllr David Dadds, Vale Mayor Cllr Leighton Rowlands, Cllr Janice Charles Mayor of Barry Town Council, local MP Alun Cairns and a visiting runner from Essex.



Hundreds of runners heading down the promenade – in all a park run record 435 people took part.

GAVIN AND STACEY fever returned to Barry last Saturday as the inaugural Gavin and Stacey Parkrun was launched.

Vale Mayor Cllr Leighton Rowlands, the Mayor of Basildon Borough Council Cllr David Dadds, and Vale MP Alun Cairns joined hundreds of runners, including a sizeable contingent from Billericay, and ANDY WICKS was on hand to capture what was occurin'.

Barry Friends and Neighbours



ABOVE: A recent FAN Barry meeting, where members were joined by Vale AM Jane Hutt and the Mayor of the Vale, Cllr Leighton Rowlands.

FAN (friends and neighbours) groups in Barry this week have discussed: the police, agreeing that they have a difficult job; education, sharing memories of school days; and preparing for Christmas.

We love welcoming new members to our groups which are

free of charge, last for an hour and are open to everyone who is friendly. "I have loved meeting people who are learning English and have made new friends," said a member recently.

You do not have to book and there is no commitment to attend every week, so why not come and enjoy a free hot drink with us while sharing your stories.

We meet every Monday at 2pm in Palmerston Community

Learning Centre, Cadoc Crescent; every Wednesday at 11.30am in Barry Library; and each Thursday at St Baruc's Church, Phyllis Street, Barry Island at 2pm.

Come to a FAN Group! It's a great opportunity for local people to meet newcomers; you'll meet friends and neighbours and feel more hopeful for the world.

For more information email: carolinefan2018@gmail.com.

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The Ultimate Christmas Experience

No matter what you need, come down to High Street, Barry – it's the place to shop

THREE has been a great deal of talk about high streets lately.

They are under attack – it is said – from online shopping, out of town outlets and big city centres.

I think we would all agree that a thriving high street is important for any town, so it is good to report just how much life there is in High Street, Barry.

It's evident from the sheer numbers of independent traders, all offering goods and services that are individual, personal and far from the identikit clones that are becoming a curse on other high streets.

More than any other shopping area I can think of, High Street Barry has a sense of retailers pulling together and customers noticing and welcoming it.

The High Street Traders have always tried to give something back to the community, and in the run up to Christmas, this year is no different.

Slightly earlier than usual – on Friday, November 16, from 1pm to 6pm – a 'Fairytale Christmas' is planned.

The Christmas lights will be switched on, and Santa will there to greet the children, with festive food and mulled wine, choirs, carol singing, rides and storytellers.

It's a great way to start that festive season feeling, and there's another High Street event to look forward to before the month of November is out.

On Thursday, November 29, the traders will be holding their traditional pre-Christmas late-night shopping event, from 5pm to 8pm, where a warm welcome will be guaranteed and where shoppers can take their time and wander from store to store,

away from the bustle of everyday shopping.

It was only the other day when a Welsh Government spokesperson commented on high streets in general and said: "Use it or lose it".

That's not a phrase that should apply to Barry High Street. The phrase implies, I think, that the shopper is making a small sacrifice for the greater good.

That's certainly not the case here in Barry. Shoppers who don't use it are quite simply, losing out.

With so much variety and good, old-fashioned personal service, the shopping experience is an intensely positive one, so make the trip to High Street Barry.

You won't be disappointed.

PHILIP IRWIN



Sarah, Nathan and the team at Food For Thought.

A warm welcome at High Street's toy shop



Giggles is a great place for children's toys.

High Street's own traditional toy shop, Giggles, promises a magical Christmas this year.

With even more traditional wooden toys, made from sustainable sources, than ever, it looks like Santa's going to be very busy.

Jill Mathews, Giggles' owner, is looking forward to seeing you all and will be offering a free gift with every purchase from the 'Top Model' range at High Street's Late Night Shopping Event on Thursday, November 29, 5pm to 8pm,

ONE business that is normally busy and expects to get even busier as Christmas approaches is Food For Thought in High Street Barry.

The deli and takeaway is a hive of activity as customers call in for sandwiches, rolls and the like, but things get really hectic from now on. Their order forms are ready and waiting for customers who want to be well supplied for

when the festive season gets going.

As well as the full range of deli items, from chutneys and preserves to coffee and cakes, Food For Thought will be making up bespoke cheese hampers.

Another very popular range is mince pies, with three styles – Viennese, iced top and traditional. Even in the last week of October, the shop supplied about 400, so how many will be sold in December is anyone's guess!

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Vic Hopkins' team ready for Christmas orders



The team at Vic Hopkins Butchers are ready and waiting for your order!

THE team at Vic Hopkins Butchers has announced the safe arrival of this year's Christmas order forms.

Boss Anthony Hopkins pointed out that with only 47 days until Christmas Day, it's not a moment too soon, and that customers can start taking away the forms to fill in and return.

Anthony said: "It's my 34th Christmas on High Street. I've seen a lot of changes over the years but one thing that's always stayed the same is the excellent produce and customer service that we provide to our customers."

"With decades of experience in dealing with the Christmas rush between us, customer orders couldn't be in safer hands."

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Nicola Hopkins of Budding Designs is looking forward to her first Christmas in Barry High Street.

For that unique, handcrafted gift – Homemade Wales is the one!



Fay Blakeley of Homemade Wales

HOMEMADE Wales is packed with beautiful, locally-made, unique handcrafted gifts.

Local businesswoman Fay Blakeley, the owner of Homemade Wales, explained: "I spend a lot of time throughout the year meeting new makers and artists.

"It's always a thrill for me to bring their work together at this time of year and to see how much it is appreciated by my customers."

"This Christmas, we've got lots of new

makers, including three new jewellers."

Fay is particularly excited to be offering an exclusive promotion at both of the High Street Christmas events; the night of the 'Christmas Lights Switch-on', Friday, November 16, and the 'Late Night Shopping Event' on Thursday, November 29.

Fay said: "We'll be giving away a free locally made burner with every soy wax candle or melt purchase, so get yourself along to Homemade Wales, 9 High Street or visit Facebook/Homemade Wales!"

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New florist's first Christmas on High Street

THIS year will be the first Christmas on the High Street for Budding Designs Flower Studio.

Owner Nicola Hopkins qualified at Pencoed Horticultural College in 1993. She said: "It has always been my dream to own my own Florist shop and I am thrilled to be on the High Street with its boutiques and independent shops.

"There is a real buzz and community spirit on the High Street and I have been more than welcomed".

Budding Designs is a florist who offers Hand-Tied Bouquets for all occasions and with its online ordering system (www.buddingdesigns.co.uk) it couldn't be easier to get a bouquet delivered.

Nicola said: "We specialise in weddings and have an extensive portfolio of sympathy flowers.

"Join us in the studio on one of the workshops we offer throughout the year, from Christmas door wreaths and table arrangements to flower crowns and hand-tied bouquet classes. All are welcome to browse our shop full of gifts, homeware, gift vouchers and more."



Try new treatments at The Beauty Clinic

THE Beauty Clinic has been an important part of Barry High Street for 13 years now, and during that time owner Michaela Glass has developed its range of treatments, adding extras to continually update the business.

Michaela's busy appointment book is testament to how this has helped the business develop and stay fresh.

Non surgical face lifts were introduced two months ago and Michaela says the response has been excellent.

She said: "We do the CACI jowl lift and also the CACI eye revive treatment, both non surgical."

The Beauty Clinic has also introduced crystal clear intense pulse light therapy, and another recently added treatment that is proving popular is microblading for eyebrows.

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Vinylize is new to Broad Street



Tony Peters of Vinylize alongside his embroidery machine.

A NEW business in Broad Street is Vinylize, which offers a full range of embroidered and printed clothing.

Tony Peters opened two months ago, deciding that he needed larger premises and also a high street presence.

He sells a wide range of T-shirts, hoodies, sports kit and boots, and all can be either printed or embroidered.

You can, of course, buy the clothing unprinted, but then you would miss out on seeing Tony's embroidery machine in action – it's pretty amazing to watch a name appear, almost by magic.

Another aspect of the printing business that Vinylize caters for is transferring family photos onto canvas in a range of sizes – something that is always very popular with Christmas in mind.

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Quality clothing at Jade Boutique



Jane James at Jade Boutique.

ONE of the many attractions of High Street Barry is the number of independent traders who know and understand the area.

It is certainly true of Jane James, who runs Jade Boutique. She has been in the present shop, No 74, High Street for three-and-a-half years, but she has been in the area for more than 30.

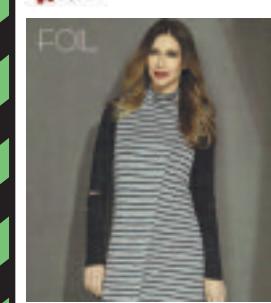
Jane specialises in quality designer clothing, with Frank Lyman evening wear particularly popular at the moment.

Jade Boutique has quality goods in a wide price range, and Jane's regular customers know this very well.

For Christmas (and all year round) Jade Boutique is a must visit clothing destination.

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Looking for a new festive outfit? Bryl's Boutique has it all covered

BRYL'S Boutique has been a fashion haven on Barry's High Street for almost 12 years now.

It's a real family affair and is run by Ann Bryl and her daughters Natasha and Lousha.

Bryl's offers a comprehensive mix of casual and party wear from well known

labels such as Ted Baker, French Connection, Joules, Ugg, Rieker and lots lots more.

In addition to clothes and footwear, Bryl's also offers a great range of accessories and jewellery.

It's clear from the brief time that I spent in the shop that Ann and her daughters are passionate about fashion and

are always adding new brands to the shop offering to ensure the High Street has the best of the best when it comes to fashion.

Another thing is abundantly clear - whatever the occasion, whatever the budget and whatever the age range - they have it covered!

So with Christmas in mind, the Bryl's Boutique is a must to visit!

Bryl's Boutique



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Robert Linder is in charge in Barry (the company has another branch in Cardiff) and is looking forward to the usual busy period in the run up to Christmas.

He said: "We always get plenty of special commissions, and another popular service is remodelling items that have faded a little with time."

The company's reputation is such that they make items for film and TV companies, but these are strictly 'one-offs', so Bespoke can't put a similar item on sale!

However, they have plenty of their own original items on sale to the public, so pay a visit to Bespoke.



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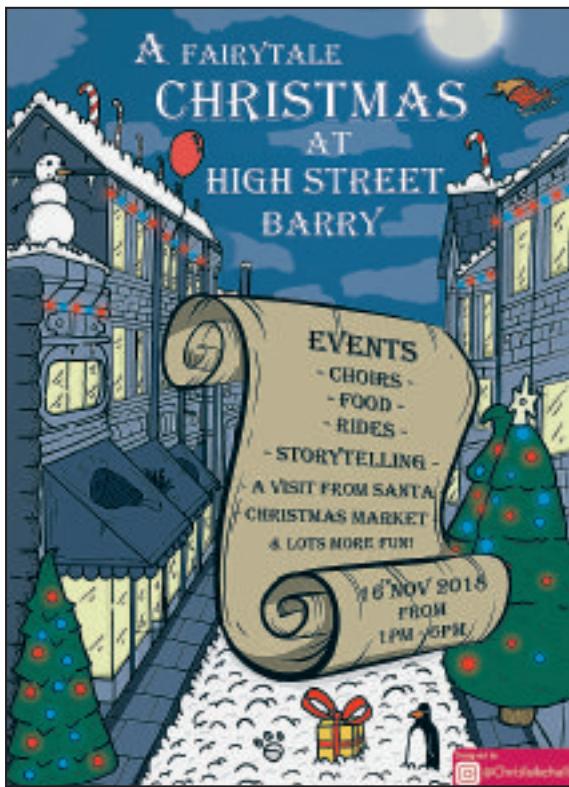
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**A 'Polished' addition
to the High Street**

ANOTHER High Street Barry business that is looking forward to its first Christmas is Polished nail bar, which is run by Helen Leech.

Helen told the GEM: "Business is going really well, and the footfall here in the High Street is excellent."

She has been in these premises for five months now, but Helen's

reputation as an expert with nails is well established, as the rave reviews on Polished's Facebook page go to show.

Having a expert nail artiste is pretty good if you are making plans for a special occasion, but Tia Ali, a make up specialist, also runs Face Forum from the same premises, so Polished are offering quality services in two important areas.



Polished promises to make sure your nails are looking fabulous and ready for the festive season.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDER 2018
HIGH STREET BARRY CHRISTMAS
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FRIDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2018**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have made an order under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:—

WHEREAS during certain hours of the day and date specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto the streets or part thereof listed in column 2 of the said schedule will be used for the holding of a relevant event as described in Section 16(A)(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 do **HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT** in order to facilitate the holding of the event, enable members of the public to watch the said event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulation shall be observed:—

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SCHEDULE

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Friday 16th November 2018	High Street Barry , between Market Street and East Street Island Road Barry , between Broad Street and Queen Street	10.30am to 7.00pm

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Fireworks fiesta at Barry Island lights up the sky!



Last Saturday night, Barry Island played host to the Rotary Club of Barry-organised Fireworks Fiesta.

The event was a huge hit with the large crowd that enjoyed not just the fireworks display but also entertainment from a range of musicians and much, much more.

Photographer ROGER HARRISON (cariadus.com, Instagram & Twitter @cariadus) was on hand to capture the fireworks in all their glory.



Western Vale Family Practice urges you to beat the flu!

THE annual flu immunisation programme is well underway and those eligible for a flu vaccine are being urged not to wait.

Last year only 46.9 per cent of people in risk groups (65+, pregnant, carer, having a long-term health condition), protected themselves against flu, a virus, which can and does kill every year. People older than 65 years of age account for up to 90 per cent of deaths from flu.

This year, those at risk are being urged to get their free vaccination as early as possible from their GP Practice, before the flu season (December to March).

Sister Charlotte Torres, nurse practitioner at Western Vale Family Practice, said: "Flu is a serious illness caused by a virus that affects the lungs and airways. Symptoms generally

come on suddenly, and them being admitted to hospital due to headache, cough, muscle complications."

For Sister Torres warns those in an at risk group, the flu can be deadly.

"Flu cannot be treated

with antibiotics. Make sure you do not put yourself at risk by the flu virus changes missing this potentially life-saving opportunity.

"This year we held successful Saturday clinics in Cowbridge and Llantwit Major, with very positive feedback from patients.

"However, only 26 per cent of asthmatics and 36 per cent of patients living with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease registered with our practice have received their protection.

"This is particularly concerning, as severe cases of flu for patients living with these conditions, could see

Education in Barry

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The building was erected for £10,000 on an imposing site lower down Buttrills Road by Cardiff builders Knox and Wells, being described as one of the finest and best appointed in the Principality.

Finally, in their own school after 17 years with the boys, they could build on what had gone before and the head stressed that girls deserved the best available teaching, to achieve future excellence.

They had a fine library, an open classroom on the first floor and two upstairs, where on fine days open-air classes would be held. Within a few months, Lady of the Manor Mrs Jenner donated two acres of land as a recreation ground for the girls.

Glamorgan Training College for Women opened a year later, on a site between Buttrills Road and College Road.

Principal Miss Hilda Mary Raw MA (London) would receive a salary of £400pa plus board/lodge and laundry. Situated between the Boys' and Girls' Schools, Barry had been chosen for this important establishment because of its good schools and the interest of its citizens in education.

An interesting story appeared early on when Barry Dock and Cadoxton churches complained that the principal had advised her young ladies to only attend churches in the immediate area.

It was also known that 1,000 soldiers were coming for the winter with a further 3,000 to



Dr PJ O'Donnell 1896.

The chairman of the College Committee, J Lowdon JP, was despatched to find the reasons for such advice.

Miss Raw considered it her dual role to not only train young women to be teachers, but also to act as a substitute parent while in her care.

With so many seamen in this bustling town, police had warned her not to allow the young and sometimes naïve students to walk up Buttrills Road after dusk, when they may encounter men and women of 'loose character'.

It was also known that 1,000 soldiers were coming for the winter with a further 3,000 to

4,000 possibly later. Miss Raw contacted all parents, explaining the situation and asking for written approval of her decision and the vast majority agreed.

In the 'social media' of a century ago, a letter highlighted other draconian rules being forced upon these unfortunate students: dust the class and assembly rooms; assist maids in clearing tables; carry crockery to the 'dinner-wagon'; clean their own bedrooms. This deprived them of their afternoon recreation and only being allowed out for two hours on Saturday afternoons, the writer forecast a breakdown in health.

Speculation over Dinas Powys air pollution

'HAS there been a recent rise in pollution along the main road through Dinas Powys, particularly at Railway Terrace in Eastbrook?'

That was the question posed this week by Rod Harrod, the chairman of Dinas Powys Bypass Steering Group. He is asking the village's Vale councillors to raise the issue with council officers.

Railway Terrace on Cardiff Road in Dinas was one of five locations in the Vale highlighted in an Arcadis consultant's report on air quality.

It showed road traffic emissions of nitrogen dioxide at, or close to, the relevant annual average concentration limit of 40 microgrammes per cubic metre.

The others places are Windsor Road, Cogan; Penarth; Cogan roundabout; Tynewydd Road, Barry; and Culverhouse Cross.

the village but servicing the three construction sites in it," he said.

"In the last 18 months, with the completion of the stretch of A4232 from Cardiff docks, even more heavy vehicles heading west have been using the main road through Dinas Powys and, as Barry Waterfront expands, it generates more traffic through Dinas.

"There's only one solution" the long-awaited by-pass. That's the only way traffic can be taken off the existing main road so that it can be turned into a 'B' road with a weight restriction and a speed limit."

Independent living advice

IF you live on your own and need advice on aids to mobility, Age Connects Cardiff and Vale is holding a drop-in advice session on Tuesday, November 13 from 10am to 12pm at the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

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Town hall panto

THE Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council has invited a panto company to perform Sleeping Beauty on Saturday, December 8, at 5.30pm in the town hall.

Remembrance display at All Saints Church

ALL Saints' Church, Penarth will be open on Saturday, November 10 with a display of the 32 from the parish who left for World War 1, and did not return.

The display is from 2pm to 4pm and there will be a chance to see the British Legion poppy wreaths to each of the men, to lay your own poppy crosses and maybe just sit awhile.

Refreshments will be available on the Gallery. Do join us.

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100 pupils lay wreaths to honour the fallen

ONE hundred children from across the Vale joined together to take part in a commemoration at Barry Memorial Hall, ahead of the centenary of the end of The Great War.

The event was organised by Vale MP Alun Cairns in conjunction with the Royal British Legion, with eight local primary schools sending pupils along to pay their respects, and received a presentation from veterans who talked about the significance of Remembrance Day.

Children were involved from primary schools across the Vale, with Cadoxton, Palmerston, Romilly, High Street, Gladstone and Jenner Park all coming from Barry and St Athan and Ysgol Y Ddraig also attended.

Mr Cairns called on Vale businesses to donate towards the cost of the wreaths, to raise funds for the Royal British Legion. He was delighted to raise £2,940, far exceeding his £2,000 target, with donations received from over 30 businesses based in the Vale.

Mr Cairns said that he is incredibly grateful to receive such support from the business community and is thankful for two substantial donations from Aston Martin, which donated £1,000 and Sisteserv, which donated £500.

The Vale MP said: "Thank you to all of the schools who took part, the teachers and children, for their enthusiasm and for the really moving

messages that they left. It's so important that future generations understand the sacrifices that were made and why we honour them and it was clear to get a sense of that in their messages."

He added: "Thank you, also, to all of the businesses who kindly and generously donated towards the cost of the wreaths which will go towards the fantastic work that the Royal British Legion do."

"I'd like to pay tribute to Theresa, Jimmy and the team at the British Legion. They really helped to bring this together and it's been a privilege to work with them."

Following

the commemoration, Mr Cairns made sure that nothing went to waste by handing over the boxes for the wreaths to a local pizza restaurant. With the wreath boxes looking just like pizza boxes, Rhys Cafaro, who owns Paletta Pizzeria in Barry, took them to use at the restaurant rather than them heading straight for the bin.

Mr Cairns said: "In the grand scheme of things, this is only a small example of what we can do to recycle and get the most out of the materials that we use."

"However, the opportunity was there to get some more use out of the boxes. This is about the wider message that there are lots of inventive ways to get the most out of our waste and promote responsibility."

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Dark matter and dark energy: what are they?

IT IS not often that the GEM receives correspondence from the US, but Joe Bakhos, a teacher from Big Bear City in California, read and commented on a recent astronomy article.

Here is his take on dark matter.

THERE are two astrophysics observations that do not make sense; they are not consistent with our current understanding of physics.

1. Galaxies are accelerating away from

each other and we don't know why. Because of gravity, they should be slowing down instead of receding at an ever increasing rate.

Most astrophysicists explain this by supposing that space itself is expanding, and galaxies are gaining gravitational potential energy as they recede from each other.

This energy must come from somewhere, so dark energy is theorized to fill this gap, even though we've never directly observed dark energy.

2. The outer stars inside galaxies are moving too fast. At that speed, a galaxy's gravity should not be strong enough to hold the outer stars in orbit. Instead,

these outer stars should be flying off into space.

Most astrophysicists explain this by supposing that there is additional dark matter in each galaxy that is providing extra mass, but this dark matter cannot be detected directly in any way. For example, it is supposed that our galaxy is 90 per cent dark matter, in order to explain the rotation rates of our outer stars.

I am proposing a new hypothesis: Angular Gravity Reversal (AGR), which would explain these phenomena without the need of dark matter or dark energy.

According to AGR, normal gravity decreases to zero at a distance of approximately 1.5 million light-years. Beyond this distance, gravity reverses direction, and becomes slightly repulsive.

Reverse gravity then increases in strength as the distance becomes greater, reaching a peak strength at approximately 3 million light-years. After this, reverse gravity becomes weaker and weaker, trailing off to zero as distance increases.

If this is true, then space is not expanding.

The Galaxies are accelerating away from each other because their reverse gravity is pushing against one

another. There is no need of dark energy.

Since gravity reverses, at those distances the galaxies are not gaining any potential energy. They are losing potential energy and this energy is being converted into momentum as they gain in speed.

This also would explain galactic rotation rates. Any dust or gas that is close enough to a galaxy will be attracted to the galaxy. Any dust or gas that is beyond 1.5 million light years however, will be repelled away from the galaxy.

This means that the interstitial space between galaxies is not as empty as we thought; instead it is filled with a lot of dust and gas. Not only are the galaxies pushing against one another; each galaxy is also surrounded by a 'womb' of dust and gas that is also pushing upon the galaxy. Because of this pushing, the outer stars in each galaxy are held in place. This is why they are not flying off into space given their speed.

Thus, there is no need of dark matter to explain their motion.

But why does gravity reverse like this? Imagine that you are looking at two galaxies from a standpoint far

away from them. Imagine using your two arms to point at each of them. There is an angle between your two arms.

AGR posits that gravity is actually dependent upon this angle, rather than the distance between the two galaxies. To speak anthropomorphically, space does not 'like'

differing perspectives, so if two objects are close enough, space 'works' to push them close enough to form a single perspective. If two objects are far enough apart, space 'works' to push them so far apart that they are not related to each other at all. A more scientific way of expressing this is to say that sometimes a lower energy state is achieved by objects moving closer together, and sometimes a lower energy state is achieved by objects moving apart.

Read the second part of Mr Bakhos's article in the next edition.

For a more in-depth explanation, I refer readers to my reddit post at: www.reddit.com/r/MyTheoryIs/comments/87pcgg/what_dark_matter_is/ Joe.

Joe Bakhos, Big Bear City, CA

Reducing prisoners' reoffending with 'the golden thread'

STRENGTHENING family ties can play a crucial role in helping offenders to turn their lives around beyond the prison gates, Welsh Secretary Alun Cairns said following a visit to HM Prison and YOI Parc in Bridgend on October 25.

The visit to HMP Parc, the only privately-run prison in Wales, comes in the year following the publication of a UK Government-commissioned report, which identified family relationships as the 'golden thread' running through the reforms across the prison estate.

Mr Cairns met Parc prison director Janet Wallsgrove and prison staff to see first-hand how incorporating family members into the prison's innovative rehabilitation schemes is having a significant impact on preventing prisoners from reoffending after release.

In September 2016 Lord Michael Farmer, in partnership with the membership charity

Clinks, was commissioned by the UK Government to investigate how connecting prisoners with their families can improve offender wellbeing, assist in keeping the public safe and reduce reoffending.

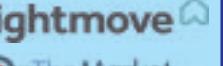
During the visit to HMP Parc, the Secretary of State met Corin Morgan-Armstrong, head of family interventions for G4S Central Government Services in the UK, who highlighted how the success of the prison's 'Invisible Walls Wales' project has produced tangible results for the rehabilitation of offenders.

Janet Wallsgrove, director of HMP and YOI Parc said: "Our aim is to reduce reoffending after release by providing prisoners with the right skills and support during their sentence, and by strengthening their ties with the community."

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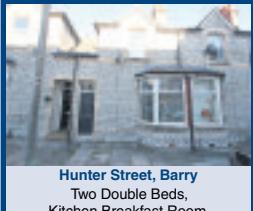
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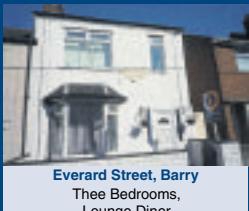
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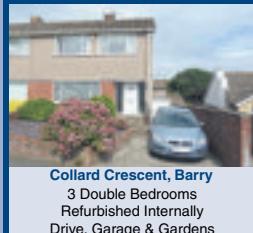
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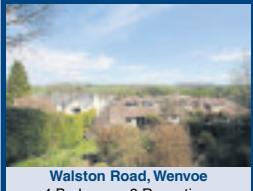
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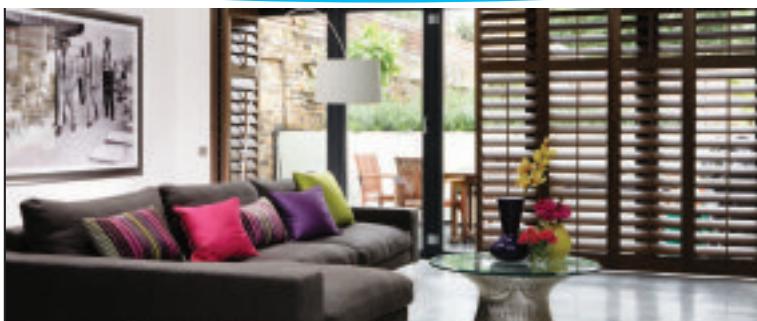
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THOMAS Stewart

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It is with great sadness and regret that we announce the untimely passing of Stew, at Velindre Hospital, Cardiff on 29th October 2018, whilst in the loving presence of his wife and three sons. He will be deeply missed by his devoted wife Jayne, adored sons Glyndwr, Liam and Blaine, and his precious grandson Oscar.

Stew fought his illness with heroic courage and determination, and will be forever missed by all who knew him.

Stew is resting at Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services until the service on Tuesday, 20th November at St Iltyd's Church, Llanwit Major at 1pm, followed by cremation at Coyerchurch Crematorium at 2.45pm.

Family flowers only by request but donations in lieu may be made to Velindre Hospital, Cardiff or Bowel Cancer Wales c/o Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services, 2, Hilda House, The Square, Pencoed, Bridgend CF35 5NP.
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**THOMAS Stewart**

A much-loved brother-in-law of Gaynor and Alan, and loving uncle to Michael, Gareth and Bethan. Also loved by Chelsie and Faith.
You will be sadly missed by us all Stew xxxx

THOMAS Stewart

Our funny, rugby loving, golf playing brother-in-law and uncle who sadly and unexpectedly passed away on Monday, 29th October 2018.
It's not the years in your life but the life in your years that count.
You will be sadly missed by Debbie, David, Harrison & Daniel xxxx

REES Captain Brian

A memorial service was held on the 10th September 2018 at Thornhill for Captain Brian Rees who had donated his body to the School of Anatomy at University Hospital Cardiff for Medical Science. Captain Rees died at the Heath Hospital on 21st September, 2017 at the age of 84 years. He trained at Smith's Nautical College and enjoyed a colourful career at sea as a Master Mariner before coming ashore to get married. He was Assistant Dock Master in Cardiff for a number of years before becoming a Dock and Bristol Channel Pilot.

A highlight was piloting the Royal Yacht Britannia. He also spent time as Master of a Dive Support vessel in Saudi Arabia and his final job was as Captain of a Drill Ship in the Persian Gulf. He was a kind and fun loving personality and is so missed by his wife Heather, his children Julia and Darran also Tony and his adored grandson Evan.

MORGAN John Albert

Diane and family wish to thank everyone who attended John's funeral and who sent letters and cards.

Thank you, too for the generous donations to Riding for the Disabled Association and to W. James & Sons for their care and attention.

ELWARD Stella Ethel

of Bonvilston

Born 4th October 1922

On Saturday, 27th October 2018 at Llandough Hospital, after a short illness stoically borne, Stella, loving wife of the late Eddie. Dear sister to Ken, dearly loved mother and mother-in-law to Sandra and Tony and Alan and Tricia. Devoted nan to Paul and Natalie, Helen and Nick, Nicola and Geoff and to Christopher. Loving great man to Bethan, Gethyn, Lily and Isla. Stella was a long time Standard Bearer and valued Poppy seller for the Bonvilston Royal British Legion, Women's Branch.

She will be sadly missed by all family, neighbours and friends.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Thursday, 15th November, service 10.30am at St Mary's Church, Bonvilston, followed by cremation 12 noon at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry. No flowers by request, donations if desired to Royal British Legion, c/o the funeral director.

SCHUSTER Margaret (Peggy)

Peacefully, at the age of 100, at College Fields Nursing Home, Barry, Peggy, dearly loved wife of the late Lynn, much loved mother of Ann and the late David. Beloved mother-in-law of Mostyn and Beryl and cherished grandma of Karen, Julia, Corinne, Adrian and Elizabeth, her eleven great-grandchildren and her three great-great-grandchildren.

Peggy will be sorely missed by all her family and friends.

Private burial at Barry Cemetery on Monday, 19th November, followed by a public Thanksgiving Service at Bethel Baptist Church, Harbour Road, Barry at 12.30pm.

No flowers by request. Donations in lieu of flowers, please, to Kachhwa Hospital, Uttar Pradesh, India c/o Bethel Baptist Church, Harbour Road, Barry, CF62 5SA.

COUCH**Gareth John (Couchy)**

Peacefully on 26th October 2018 at UHW, Gareth sadly passed away, aged 73 years. Beloved husband to Annette, father to Joanne and grandfather to Jack.

He will be deeply missed by all family and friends.

Resting at Coles Funeral Directors until the celebration of his life to be held on Tuesday, 13th November 2018 at Thornhill Crematorium (Wenallt Chapel) at 2pm.

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COOMBAY Evelyn (née Norris)

Evelyn passed away peacefully, aged 91 years, on Monday, 29th October. A much loved wife of the late Fred, mother of Jean and grandmother of Lois. A kind and lovely lady who will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Wednesday, 14th November, service 1.30pm at Bethel Baptist Church, Barry, followed by cremation 3pm at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Alzheimer's Society c/o the funeral director.

BRYAN Duncan

Duncan

Peacefully following a short illness on 26th October, aged 88 years, devoted husband to the late Rita, father to Mike and the late Kay, Toni and Maria grandfather to Jesse, Morgan, Rhiannon and Iestyn, great grandfather to Decire, Colton, Harmonique, Eira and Khyro.

Duncan will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Tuesday, 13th November at 1pm, and afterwards at the Sully Sports and Social Club.

Family flowers only but donations in memory of Duncan can be made directly to, The British Heart Foundation, 138 Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4HH.

RENWICK Elizabeth (Biddy)

Passed away after a short illness on Thursday, 25th October 2018.
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Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Remembrance Service Friday, 9th November 3pm at St Cadoc's Church, Llancarfan. No flowers by request.

JAMES**Susan Janet (née Nicholls)**

Peacefully on 2nd November 2018 with her family by her side, Susan, aged 66 years. Beloved wife of Stephen, much loved mother of Hayley and Andrew, loved mother-in-law to David and Leanne. Devoted nan to Lucy, Jack, Oliver and Samuel.

Susan will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service on Tuesday, 20th November at All Saints Church, Barry at 11am, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for Marie Curie Hospice Penarth c/o the funeral director.

JEYNES Sigrid Karen

The family wish to announce the sad passing of Sigrid at home on 24th October. A devoted wife of the late Don, loving mum of Karen, Stephen and Julie. A cherished nan to all her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Sigrid will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Resting at The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until her service at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium on Tuesday, 13th November at 2pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support Dementia UK in memory of Sigrid.

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COLLIER Allan Glyn

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Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Friday, 23rd November, service and cremation 11am at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

Family flowers only. All other donations to be made to the RNLI in Allan's memory.

LYNCH Beatrice Lillian (Lily)

Formerly of Barry

Passed away peacefully on Tuesday, 30th October 2018 at Llandough Hospital, Penarth, aged 85 years. Widow of Fred and much loved aunt and great aunt.

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Funeral service to be held at Cardiff & Glamorgan Memorial Park & Crematorium, Barry, on Monday, 12th November at 1pm.

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WOODS
Robin Francis

The family are sad to announce the sudden passing of Robin on the 17th October 2018.

He will be sadly missed by all his loving family and friends.

Resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare, Llantwit Major, until the service at St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major on Thursday, 15th November at 11am and afterwards at Boverton Cemetery.

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Llantwit Major reserves unlucky in five-goal thriller

LLANTWIT MAJOR AFC reserves played top-of-the-league Cardiff Metropolitan University at Cyncoed on Saturday, with Scott McMillan making his full debut for the club.

With three regular reserve players promoted to the first team, Nathan Renfree, Mike Hartley and Darren Robinson were made available.

The match started with Llantwit on the front foot playing very good football, starving Cardiff Met of the ball and they were unlucky not to score early on.

Gethin Jennings and Max Morgan struck from far out but didn't trouble the keeper, but the real chance came as Chris Vinson got the better of his man from the right wing and delivered a lofted cross to Stephen Phillips into the box, only to direct his effort at the keeper.

The game was fast and furious as both

teams looked to break quickly, and the university side had their best chance before the half only to see keeper Scott McMillan pull off a one-handed save over the bar.

Llantwit were forced to make an early substitution in the first half as injured defender Aaron Wrigley made way for James Vickers, Leevor Jones moving to centre back.

The second half continued with both sides having their fair share of attacks. However, with 70 minutes on the clock, Cardiff Met broke away from a Llantwit corner and left them out-numbered and they tapped in from yards out.

Darren Robinson levelled the game moments later with a free kick finding the top corner, before the Met took the lead once more.

With the game at 2-1, Llantwit attacked and the captain found the net again as a Jennings delivery found Robinson free in the area to volley then equaliser.

With 10 minutes remaining a sucker punch goal saw Llantwit lose their chance of a much-deserved point.

Then substitute James Hartley nearly equalised as his shot beat the keeper and struck the post and fell to Chris Vinson, who was brought down.

The referee saw this as a high foot and rewarded Llantwit with an indirect free kick; unfortunately Robinson didn't convert the opportunity and the game ended 3-2 to the university side.

This was a very gritty performance for the reserve team, who did enough to get something out the game.

Their next game is home at Windmill Lane to Afan Lido, 2pm kick-off.

Team: S. McMillan, M. Evans, D. Robinson, A. Wrigley, M. Hartley, C. Vinson, N. Renfree, L. Jones, G. Jennings, M. Morgan, S. Phillips. Substitutes: J. Vickers, R. Malton, M. Gingel, J. Hartley.

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More despair for Barry chess teams

THE Barry Chess Club had matches in Divisions One and Three this week.

The Bosons were in Cardiff while the Quarks were in North Cardiff.

There were four matches played in Division One. They all had the same result with the home team recording a 3.5 - 1.5 victory.

The Cardiff Pawns outtrated us on all five boards so perhaps draws for Steve Cunliffe, Dave

Parsons and Ken Hannah may have been unexpected, but were not enough to move us out of the relegation spots.

The Bosons are in eighth place with only a half point separating us from the bottom of the table and two points away from safety.

It is starting to look difficult for the Bosons whose long stay in Division One is coming under pressure.

For quite a few consecutive years we have lost strong players who would have been

ying for a place in the Bosons but eventually this will come back to bite us.

In Division Three the Quarks played the North Cardiff Panthers, a relatively new team with a couple of juniors who are improving rapidly.

Michael O'Leary and Scott Turner earned wins but it was not enough to prevent a 3-2 defeat for the Quarks.

The Quarks sit in sixth place but all the teams below us have at least one match in hand.

Only the Bridgend C team have a lower tie-break score so again this will be a difficult season.

Hopefully with only one team being relegated this year we will have enough strength in depth to avoid bottom spot - hopefully!

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards, whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly game.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival. For more details visit our website at barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

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01446 733425, 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry, CF62 6QY on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively, inexperienced players or players who would like to brush up on their game may attend the following sessions: Friday, 10am at the Pioneer Hall for lessons and assisted play; Thursday afternoon for assisted play.

New members are welcome at Barrivale Bridge Club and a partner may be arranged, if required.

Call 01446 418380,

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Barrivale news

THE results for Barrivale Bridge Club on October 30 are as follows:

First, Mike Close and Denis Mottram, 65.87 per cent; second, Noelle Bond and Irene Thomas, 62.70 per cent; third, Lynn Matthews and Alan Jones, 55.56 per cent. The handicap winners were Ann Richards and Linda Houston.

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Boat compilation event

CARDIFF Bay Yacht Club hold their annual boat compilation on December 9.

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The Barry and District Mens Skittle League results

DIVISION 1: Posties 280 (M Gallimore, D Gallimore, W Borde, M Churchill 25), Geest 288 (S R Jones 29); Blue Monkey 284 (C Evans, C Holland 29), Bunker Boys 225 (A Jeynes 28); 49ers 305 (G Yarr 32), KP Rejects 277 (M Davies 28); Billy Whizz 274 (M Ingram 31), British Rail 258 (L Bennett 29); Merrymen 263 (S Walters 28), Willie Wombles 264 (B Grattan 28); Cannon Balls 282 (T Price Jnr 31), Sea View 275 (A Payne 27).

League table: 49ers 16, Geest 10, Blue Monkey 8, Posties 8, KP Rejects 8, Bunker Boys 7, Billy Whizz 7, Willie Wombles 7, British Rail 6, Cannon Balls 6, Sea View 5, Merrymen 4.

DIVISION 2:

Tynny Lads 249 (D Sluman 28), BP Breakaways 266 (G Sloccombe 30); Park Lads 272 (D Lambert 27), Mighty Dockers 277 (D Newton 30); Exiles 274 (C Hammatt 29), H Bells 273 (B Whitlock, C White 28); Cavaliers 297 (S Hatcher 31), Ex Servicemen 264 (D Stevens 29); Barry Park B 282 (R Freeman 31), Hairy Lemons 268 (S

Gully 28); Witchill Poachers 329 (A Butler 31), Colcot Boys 345 (G Mills 36). League table: Mighty Dockers 14, Park Lads 12, Hairy Lemons 12, Barry Park B 10, Cavaliers 8, H Bells 8, Ex Servicemen 8, Exiles 7, BP Breakaways 6, Colcot Boys 5, Tynny Lads 4, Witchill Poachers 2.

DIVISION 3:

Park Rangers 280 (C Cameron 32), Cocoa Nuts 269 (B Richardson 31); Master Mariner 223 (Mike Harris 28), Castle Boys 242 (G Marks 25); C.U.D. 221 (G Sheppard 25), Witchill Nomads 237 (A Burnell 27); Glenbrook Flyers 247 (J Walters 30), Alternatives 234 (P Church 29); Abercete 265 (R Mears 28), Royalists 271 (M Roberts, C Iannucci 28). League table: Park Rangers 14, Witchill Nomads 11, Billy Bluebirds 10, Royalists 9, Abercete 8, Castle Boys 8, C.U.D. 6, Cocoa Nuts 6, Glenbrook Flyers 4, Alternatives 2, Master Mariner 0.

View all results and league tables at barryleagues.co.uk.

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The Barry and District League tables and results

CRIB DIVISION 1:

Wyndham Cons 6, Moors Boys 9; Cadoxton Cons 7, West End Runaways 8; West End 7, Rhoose Social 8.

League table: Wyndham Cons 62, Rhoose Social 61, West End 61, Cadoxton Cons 57, West End Runaways 57, Liberals 54, Moors Boys 53.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

Liberals C 5, Slammers 2; Barry Town FC 6, Liberals A 1; Barries Boys 4, Rhoose Social B 3; Sea View Exiles 4, Allsorts 3; King William XII 4, Rhoosters 3; Rhoose Social C 5, Cambrian Flyers 2; Rugby Club 2, Rhoose Social A 5; West End D 0, West End C 7.

League table: West End C 37.0, Sea View Exiles 33.5, Barry Town FC 32.0, King William XII 32.0, West End D 32.0, Rugby Club 31.5, Rhoose Social A 31.0, Allsorts 28.0, Rhoosters 28.0, Slammers 24.5, Rhoose Social C 22.5, Liberals A 22.0, Liberals C 21.5, Rhoose Social B 21.0, Barries Boys 14.5, Cambrian Flyers 9.0.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1:

Cadoxton Cons Z 5,

Barry Town United Ladies grab five to maintain perfect start

FOLLOWING a fine first time cup victory last weekend, Barry Town United Ladies returned to league action on Sunday, taking on Penybont FC in their sixth league fixture of the season and looking to maintain their perfect start.

This was to be the second match between the two sides in three weeks following Barry's FAW Cup victory in October, but this fixture saw a change of venue with the Indoor Dome at Leckwith Stadium hosting the match.

Barry made two changes from the previous week with Tracey White slotting into midfield and Erin Brennan returning in goal.

It was to be an eventful start to the game as Barry started strongly and took the lead inside five minutes. Chelsea Deacon won the ball wide on the right and she crossed the ball perfectly for Daisy Evan-Watkins to slot home to opening goal.

The hosts were looking in confident mood, dictating the play with intensity and wing back Alicia Cox and Olivia Townsend were finding lots of space in wide areas.

It took just another seven minutes for Barry to double their lead, this

time a fine first time cross from Sian Rees was volleyed home by Evan-Watkins at the near post.

Barry were taking real control of the game at this point with the midfield unit of Alex Allen, Tracey White constantly breaking up play to get Barry ticking in central areas and the back three of Emma Thompson, Holly Bowles and Chloe Clarke more than comfortable to build from the defensive third of the pitch.

It was almost three goals after 25 minutes when White played a perfectly-weighted pass to Cox who stormed down the left before cutting inside and unleashing a shot which cannoned back off the inside post.

Deacon also raced through on goal one-on-one, but the Penybont goalkeeper made a fine save to deny the hosts.

However, Barry did grab a third goal on 35 minutes when Rees curled a shot from 20 yards that cannoned off the crossbar and Deacon reacted quickly to tap in the rebound to grab a birthday goal.

Evan-Watkins almost grabbed her hat-trick but was denied by another excellent save from the goalkeeper with the score remaining 3-0 at half-time.

The second half sparked into life when both teams had a player



ABOVE: Chelsea Deacon on the ball.

sent off for an off-the-ball incident but this didn't deter Barry, who regrouped and continued to dominate the majority of possession.

Penybont, to their credit, kept working hard and did have a good chance to pull one back through a good counter-attack but goalkeeper Brennan made a good save with her feet.

The hosts hit the crossbar for the third time in the game when White hit a shot from 20 yards but she wasn't to be denied moments later as she prodded home following a corner to make it 4-0 on 62 minutes, capping a strong performance for the

rebound to grab a birthday goal.

The ladies travel west on Sunday to take on newly-promoted Rhos, and will hope to continue their excellent form.

Croquet club's fond farewell to Dyffryn



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Dyffryn Gardens since it was founded in 1986. It has been a successful club with local South

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and National (UK) success.

Sadly, this summer

saw the last croquet

played at Dyffryn

Gardens as The National

Trust says it cannot

support use of the

croquet lawns at this

for the club's sole use.

The venue is the only

site in Vale to host

international matches, on

behalf of the Welsh

Croquet Association,

having hosted matches

against Australia, New

Zealand, USA, Canada,

Scotland, Switzerland,

Italy, Uruguay and, of

course, England.

The Welsh team has

always had a number of

players from the Dyffryn

club in Welsh teams,

Wales are currently

Garry McElwain, club chairman, said: "This is a sad situation for us as a club, having been at Dyffryn Gardens for 32 years. We are grateful to GLTCC for the opportunity to play at Merthyr Mawr next year and hope that the club can continue to build on its good reputation within the South West Federation."

"A lot of work has been done behind the scenes and the hard work has started on the new lawns at Merthyr Mawr."

Garry is seen in the picture taking the last

ever shot of competitive

play when he won the

club's prestigious

Dyffryn Cup at the club's

recent finals day.

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The Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

IT was a good weekend for Barry Athletic at the top – and they didn't even play, as their nearest rivals both slipped up.

Penarth Town came crashing back to earth after thumping the leaders last week as they were beaten 4-0 at home by Island Marine, Marine B.

Rhoose B did not play while Cadoxton Athletic slipped up to a 3-1 defeat to Barry Athletic B. Penarth Town B moved up to third with a huge 6-1 away win at Island Marine B.

In the SWFA Intermediate Cup, a competition open to south Wales teams from below their local league's top division, Holton Road and Tynewydd are securing their second successive four-goal victory to stun Penarth.

Rhoose B also

succumbed to defeat as

Cowbridge Town

continued their great run

of form, edging Rhoose

out 2-1.

In the battle of the basement teams, Sully Sports won out 2-1 over St Athan, Sully's first win since August.

In Division One, Cwm Talwg picked up a big 4-2 win over Cadoxton Barry while Cadoxton Imps demolished SP Billy 7-1.

In Division Two, St Athan B extended their

lead at the top with a 2-1

Gatland who describes Matthew as "... a team player who is tough, leads by example, focused, resilient – but it keeps coming back to him being just a good bloke."

However, this is not just another rugby book and rugby is not all there is to Matthew's story. At age 20, he found out who is real father was, a bombshell that had a huge impact on his relationship with his family.

As fellow Wales international Gareth Jenkins says: "This book reflects the magnitude of his achievements on the field and the toughness and spirit he has shown off it in overcoming every obstacle thrown his way."

This autobiography is an uplifting, inspirational story which rugby fans and non-rugby fans alike will enjoy.

BRIAN LEE

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midfield player. Barry made a number of changes with Laura Saliba, Emma Cannon and Taylor Page entering the field, and it was Cannon who almost grabbed a fifth goal, racing through but her lofted shot was well saved by the goalkeeper.

However, Cannon was to play a key role in Barry's final goal of the game on 75 minutes when she ran into the penalty area and was brought down which resulted in Deacon scoring a penalty to make it 5-0.

Barry saw out the remaining period of the game to record their sixth straight win in the league and remain joint-top of the Welsh Women's League alongside Caldicot Town and Aberystwyth Town.

Following the game manager Luke Williams commented: "We are delighted with the result and more importantly the level of performance against a good team at this level."

"We managed to do all parts of the game well, created lots of chances in what was probably our most complete performance so far this season."

The ladies travel west on Sunday to take on newly-promoted Rhos, and will hope to continue their excellent form.

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Rees' book is 'a must'

A MUST for all rugby fans is Matthew Rees' *Reasons 2 Smile – My Battles On And Off The Rugby Field* (published by yLolfa).

This autobiography of the Scarlets, Cardiff Blues, Wales, British and Irish Lions and Barbarians player, a key member of the Wales team which achieved momentous Grand Slams at the 2008 and 2012 Six Nations Championships and who is the most-capped hooker of all time for the Welsh national side, reveals all on his battle with cancer and the ordeal of the treatment and his fight to get healthy again.

He then defied all expectation and went on to win a further cap for Wales, and this book charts the highs and lows of his rugby career and also includes a foreword by Wales coach Warren

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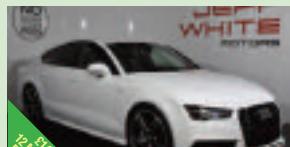
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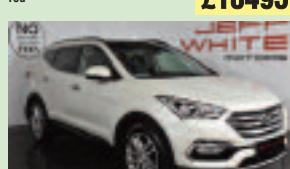
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Top of the table encounter awaits in-form Barry Town United



Players celebrate with goalscorer Modou Touray.

BARRY Town United travel to Connah's Quay Nomads this Saturday with the opportunity to go top of the JD Welsh Premier League, though the former kingpins will have to defeat the current leaders at their own Deeside Stadium to return to the pinnacle of Wales' national top flight.

Connah's Quay took back the top spot at the weekend with a 6-0 drubbing of beleaguered Llanelli Town, as the current JD Welsh Cup holders continue their push for a first-ever Welsh Premier League crown.

Meanwhile, Barry's 2-1 win over Llandudno at Jenner Park on Sunday helped Gavin Chesterfield's squad move into second, after previous pace-setters and reigning champions The New Saints suffered a surprise 1-0 loss to Aberystwyth Town.

With 12-time winners TNS set to welcome an inconsistent Caernarfon Town team to their Park Hall home this coming Friday (November 9), Scott Ruscoe's men may well be back in the driving seat by the time Barry and Connah's Quay run out in north Wales on Saturday afternoon.

Nevertheless, any victory in Deeside for Town or Nomads would lift them clear of the Saints on 31 points, regardless of events the night before.

For seven-time champions Barry, whose trophy-rich era came to an abrupt end in 2003, the rocky road back to this point makes quite the story.

From relegation to exile, through flirtation with oblivion, further relegation and, ultimately, a court case, the club's revival has been another captivating chapter of this sporting thrill ride, with boss Chesterfield and a host of unsung heroes instrumental in turning its fortunes around.

Still competing on four fronts this season and with a third consecutive European campaign under their belts, free-scoring Nomads will kick off as comfortable favourites and will look to replicate the performance that saw Barry beaten 3-0 on Deeside on their previous visit in January.

Barry though have become a considerably more consistent and resilient unit over the past 10 months, with narrow wins on their travels at Caernarfon, Aberystwyth and, most recently, Bala, suggesting they are capable of snatching a result if they play to their ability on the day.

Perhaps the biggest difference this year has been the club's sparkling home form, with Llandudno the latest victims of a team unbeaten at Jenner Park since January 13, a run that has contained a spotless six wins out of six in their current JD Welsh Premier

League campaign.

Barry started slower than their visitors on Sunday and were punished in the 19th minute, as Llandudno's Mike Pearson was given too much space by defender Curtis Watkins, allowing the ex-Oldham Athletic man to head a routine set-piece past poorly Town goalkeeper Mike Lewis.

Llandudno might even had been two ahead had the goalpost not come to Barry's rescue, after John Owen had got the better of Luke Cooper.

By the 34th minute, Barry would be level, as striker Kayne McLaggon converted a penalty kick, after being brought down by Pearson inside Llandudno's six-yard box.

Booked for the offence, Pearson's afternoon in Barry would become even more eventful after the break, as he received his second yellow card and the resulting red card for another tangle with McLaggon, leaving the visitors reduced to 10 men with over 40 minutes of football to play.

Moments earlier, Jonathan Hood's spectacular long-range scissor kick had been disallowed, after linesman and referee determined there had been an infringement on Llandudno goalkeeper Sean Pearson by Barry's McLaggon.

The winning goal would then come in the 55th minute and was a neat, four-touch team affair, kick started by midfielder Robbie Patten, who first exchanged a nice one-two with teammate Hood in an advanced position, before threading the ball through to loan forward Modou Touray.

Using his strength to hold off two defenders, Touray then slotted past Pearson to claim his fourth goal in 10 Welsh Premier League matches.

Already securing his first Wales under-21 international cap since arriving at Jenner Park in the summer, Touray has been one of the finds of Barry's season and looks to have a bright future in the professional game awaiting him on his eventual return to home club Newport County.

First though, the Gambian goalscorer has the chance to make history at Barry and help put the Jenner Park side back on top of the pile.

While to some supporters it might well feel like yesterday, Barry have not led the Welsh Premier League since Touray was three years old.

Though the odds are against them this Saturday, few will forget those interim years and all the hurdles conquered to even stand a chance.

For Barry, the biggest of games has already been won. Now, opportunity knocks in north Wales – but just how far can today's team go?

Kick-off between Connah's Quay Nomads and Barry Town at Deeside Stadium this Saturday afternoon, November 10, is at 2.30pm.

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Ladies celebrate end of season



ON Friday, October 26, the ladies team members who represented Brynhill Golf Club in the Glamorganshire and Monmouthshire Ladies County Golf League met for an end of season dinner at the club.

First team captain Linda Hewlett, welcomed ladies captain Sam Pascoe, vice-captain Jo Kirkpatrick and club president Hilary West, to the celebration.

She thanked all the players in the first team this year for their support and enthusiasm. Linda also thanked the greens team,

catering and bar teams for their support throughout the year.

Brynhill ladies section have three teams who compete in this league.

Second team captain Robbie Lee and third team captain Chris Hopkins also thanked their players for their support and continued enthusiasm.

The in-house catering team supplied another delicious meal and the evening concluded with a toast to a successful year and, hopefully, successful 2019 season.

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Delight for Tynewydd FC as they reach last four of South Wales Cup

ON Saturday Tynewydd FC made the hour-long trip north to face an inform Gadlys Rovers side from the Aberdare Valley League in the South Wales Intermediate Cup quarter-finals, having knocked out Ystrad Rugby in the previous round.

This is the furthest

Tynewydd had reached in this competition, and

they went into the match

in good form.

Tynewydd knew they had to start the game positively on the front foot, and they did that from the off, snapping into challenges and creating chances from the get-go.

Tynny took a deserved

1-0 lead 20 minutes into

the match when a 1-0, Rovers made tactical changes through ball and player changes in the break as they looked to cut the Rovers' team in two and unleashed Lewis Union through on goal.

Lewis sailed past around the last defender before waltzing around the keeper and slotting the ball into the net.

Centre-backs Jodie Shepherd and George Pycroft were as dominant as ever dealing with everything Rovers had to offer.

Tynewydd missed some gilt edge chances to extend their lead in the first half and Lewis Union had a chance to double his tally after a slick one-two with Craig Rattenbury and clever back heel left Union through on goal again, but this time the post denied him.

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Gadlys player's header

crossing the line.

Having thought they had seen off the Valley side, Tynewydd were caught with a sucker punch when a cross-shot looped over Coleman and into the back of the net to make it 1-1 with less than 10 minutes to go.

Shellshocked, Tynny nearly went 2-1 behind straight from the kick off, with the Rovers striker just missing the target.

With the mist and fog descending on the Valley hillside and extra-time looming, Tynewydd rallied to the challenge laid down by the Aberdare side.

With just minutes to go, the side from Barry snatched a well deserved winner to spark wild celebrations.

A quick throw from Tooomy was flicked on by Elliot Hicks to find

Tynewydd saw the final moments out and could have even snatched a third with Shane Harding going close at the back post.

Man of the match went to Mark McCarthy for his late winner and solid display at full back, but this was a true team performance with each player giving their all for the cause and the victory.

Tynewydd now return to league action and face a double-header over the next two weeks against an unbeaten Holton Road side who top the table.

Tynewydd will be huge underdogs, but if they show the same battle and team spirit as they did in Aberdare they can hopefully get something from the two games.

Squad: C.Coleman, P.Pydannah, J.Shepherd, M.McCarthy, J.Smith, L.I.Union, J.Clissett, L.Union (c), E.Hicks, C.Rattenbury, C.Tooomy, S.Eveleigh, J.Williams, S.Harding, L.Peterson, G.Union, C.Harding, J.Jones.

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Vets' 100 per cent run continues

BARRY Vets were back to their consummate best with a convincing display in the Wales Veterans FA over-55s League.

The hosts started strongly against last season's champions Swansea, with Staddon, Huish, Price and Rutherford dominating possession and besieging the visitors' defence, who were fortunate to find former Swans Medwin and keeper Meacham in unflappable mood.

However, it was not long before Barry took a deserved lead when Bobbett volleyed a Hill cross back across goal for White to score.

Swansea are a tough nut to crack and against the run of play, Godwin finished off a fine solo run with aplomb and they themselves enjoyed a period of possession, albeit

comfortably contained by the Barry rearguard of Hill, Blackie, Gibb and man of the match Paul Welsh.

As a result keeper Jones was relatively untroubled and the teams went level at the interval, Swansea the happier.

Barry also started the second half with real intensity and as they began to overpower their opponents, the hard-working White was able to grab his second before the unrelenting Bobbett extended the lead shortly after to leave Swansea with a mountain to climb.

As the hosts turned the screw Bobbett, Rutherford and White were all guilty of missing good opportunities, but they secured a convincing victory when Marshall scored neatly and Barry maintained their unbeaten start to the season.

News from Barry RFC

BARRY RFC return to league action this weekend with a home fixture against Llantwit Fardre.

Please note that due to the Wales v Australia game later in the day, the kick-off has been brought forward to 1pm.

Last week's lottery draw again failed to produce a winner, however two tickets matched three numbers for the consolation prize of £10.

The winning numbers were 03, 11, 13 and 18, and this week's jackpot will be £2,950.

AJ



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ALL EYES NOW TURN TO AUSTRALIA - ARE THEY THERE FOR THE TAKING?

A good start to autumn for Wales as rugby pays tribute to a remarkable man

by PHILIP IRWIN

REMEMBER when strength in depth was the Holy Grail of Welsh rugby?

It was there in the background when we had a competitive team, and then became a full grown curse when we were short of star names.

New Zealand and England have always had strength in depth, while in recent years Ireland have organised their affairs so well that they have it too.

However, when you add up the Welsh names who were missing from the encounter with Scotland – either injured, rested or red taped – it is pretty clear that Warren Gatland does now have a strong pool of players from which to choose.

The autumn internationals have become a testing ground for players who are forcing themselves into the mix, but it does affect the crowd, who hold back a bit emotionally, more intent on assessing the new players than on cheering Wales on. It makes for a slightly odd situation, because the players are not holding back at all – there were some crunching collisions – but the atmosphere was muted.

The Wales coach had urged his team to 'play smart' and there was a sense – for almost the entire game – that Wales were in control, but in the end the match never

caught fire. It took Wales maybe 15 minutes to form the view that this Scotland team lacked a cutting edge, and so they were content to play a territorial game. Watch Wales in any pub these days and you can guarantee that two or three fans will get angrier and angrier every time Gareth Davies sets himself to launch another box kick.

They must have been apoplectic on Saturday.

The fact that Warren Gatland keeps picking him suggests that the Welsh coaching team are happy with the tactic, but the anger heads inexorably in Davies' direction, despite his excellent running when Wales do cut loose.

Normally Wales retrieve a fair percentage of possession from these box kicks, but on Saturday Scotland took the lion's share, but struggled to do much with it.

Perhaps Scotland

were deflated by having the better of the first 10 minutes, only to be 6-0 down.

In the first

minute, their promising new star Adam Hastings had a chance to put a penalty kick well into the Welsh half but missed touch.

A bit of kicking tennis followed, which Wales won, and Scotland gave away a penalty on the 40-metre line. Leigh Halfpenny stepped up to score.

From the Scotland

point of view, worse followed two minutes later when centre Alex Dunbar managed to stand up Hadleigh Parkes and then take him on the outside. He made ground and was tackled on the 25, but the attack continued until Hastings (probably) kicked ahead when he should have passed and Halfpenny was able to touch down for a 22 drop out.

From the restart,

Scotland were penalised and Anscombe demonstrated exactly what to do with a penalty, finding a long touch to put Wales in the Scotland 25.

Wales attacked from the lineout

and Scotland were

penalised, giving

Anscombe a free play

which he used cleverly,

chipping to the corner for George North to gather and touch down.

However, the initial

impression that North's

right foot had slipped

over the touch line was

confirmed by the TMO.

It was back for the

penalty, another

Halfpenny success and

6-0 to Wales.

At this stage, the

penalty count was

accelerating against

Scotland, as they

desperately tried to stem

the Welsh attacks, and

on 20 minutes, a Ross

Moriarty charge led to a

third penalty, again

converted by Halfpenny.

However, Scotland

did get some

encouragement when on

25 minutes, the first

scrum of the game

resulted in a penalty

against Wales. Hastings,

ever nerves gone

now, split the posts and

it was 9-3 to Wales.

While Scotland were

lacking a cutting edge, it

was pretty clear that

Wales had one and

George North, who is



Dennis Gethin and Doddie Weir.
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George North is denied a try as his foot touches the line.



Gareth Anscombe varied his game well.

looking back to his best, proved that on 29 minutes when he left the right wing and went looking for work.

elsewhere, appearing in the centre, spotting a gap and shrugging off two despairing Scottish tackles. Halfpenny's conversion from wide out was two feet wide of the mark – his only miss of the day.

As half time approached, however, the penalty count started to even out and from one of these, Hastings put the ball close to the Welsh line. Wales defended Scotland's driving maul well – except for this occasion, when something went wrong and the Scotland hooker, Stuart McInally, emerged in the clear and went over. Hastings converted and suddenly it was 14-10.

Half time came and it became clear that Wales' new wing, Shane Williams-ish Luke Morgan, had not touched the ball. He and his opposite number Tommy Seymour had been in quarantine for the whole time, with the ball refusing to head in their direction. Seymour's contribution amounted to one excellent catch of a Wales high kick, but that was it.

On the opposite wing, North and Leigh Jones had both made several sniping runs but sometimes rugby simply isn't fair. It didn't get any better for the lonely wings in the second half.

The second half took a while to get going, but when it did, after seven minutes, it was spectacular. There is something very reassuring about seeing a side score straight from a set piece. It's good to know that you don't

understatement, and his first words were for his fellow forwards who, he clearly felt, had taken their foot off the gas.

Before Dee's

departure the Welsh

defence had had a lucky

escape when Scotland

have to sit through a dozen static phases. Wales won a line out and the ball was out quickly to Anscombe on the run around, and the outside half drew his man and slipped the ball with perfect timing to Jonathan Davies, who was at full speed.

A trademark hand-off and the fit-again Scarlet was in the clear, with a despairing Scottish cover trying to get to him. In fact, it's possible that the only Welsh person in the stadium hoping that the cover would cut him off was Luke Morgan on the wing, well positioned for a scoring pass that didn't come!

Halfpenny converted to make it 21-10 and that was the last of the scoring. Scotland monopolised possession but couldn't find that elusive cutting edge, while Wales made it difficult for themselves – particularly when replacement hooker Elliot Dee picked up a yellow card shortly after coming on.

He might have made it worse by arguing with referee Mathieu Raynal, but Alun Wyn Jones was quickly on the scene to tell him to keep quiet. As a result, Dan Lydiate, who had an excellent game, had to retire to the bench so that the front row could get back to full strength with the return of Ken Owens.

To say that the Scarlets hooker was not happy about having to return is an understatement, and his first words were for his fellow forwards who, he clearly felt, had taken their foot off the gas.

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lock Jonny Gray was nearly over, but gave away a penalty by attempting a double movement. A touch of patience could well have seen Scotland score, and the cameras turned to Scotland coach Gregor Townsend, whose face became grimmer and grimmer as the game wore on.

The expansive game that Scotland have been working towards was just not happening.

So, that yellow card meant that Wales had to play almost the last 10 minutes with seven forwards, which is a good way of testing your defence – but just how much of a test were this Scotland side?

For Scotland, the brothers George Horne (scrum half) and Peter (centre) came on and they almost scored, with George manufacturing a neat chip through, only for the ball to slip through Peter's fingers.

For Wales, Tomos Williams came on at scrum half and looked sharp. Quick witted too when he picked up a spilled Scottish ball and instantly noted that Anscombe and Morgan were advancing at top speed. His kick ahead made the two dead certs to reach it first, and there would have been time for Anscombe to step aside and let Luke Morgan finally get the ball in an attacking position.

Sadly, it veered off line at the last minute and rolled into touch. That was the last significant action and a Welsh score at that point would have flattered them, as the possession stats were way in Scotland's favour.

There was just time for a flood of last minute substitutions. These always strike me as pointless, but at least this time there was a joke there – at poor Luke Morgan's expense. No sooner had Steff Evans come on – in the last minute – than the ball was suddenly available and he took a pass in a little bit of space. Not enough to race clear, but at least with a chance to beat a man!

So, it was a result that puts Wales in good

shape for the upcoming game against Australia.

In the back row,

Lydiate, Moriarty and Tipuric all did what they do so well – and Tipuric was made man of the match.

There were very few scrums in the match, but at one point the Welsh seven-man scrum outsmarted an attacking Scotland scrum to win an important penalty. Alun Wyn Jones, thank goodness, is still Alun Wyn Jones.

In the backs,

Anscombe varied his game well and can only

have enhanced his

reputation, and it was good to see George North back to his sharpest. An added bonus is that Jonathan Davies is making a very rapid recovery after such a long period out.

However, it would be massively remiss of me to ignore the man who dominated the match.

Doddie Weir was always a man who played the game with a smile on his face.

He was someone who gave the clear impression that there was more to life than rugby.

That was only a game.

His attitude and demeanour since the terrible diagnosis of Motor Neurone Disease has been remarkable, and the decision to play the game to raise awareness and funds for research into the condition was something that Wales and Scotland can be proud of.

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